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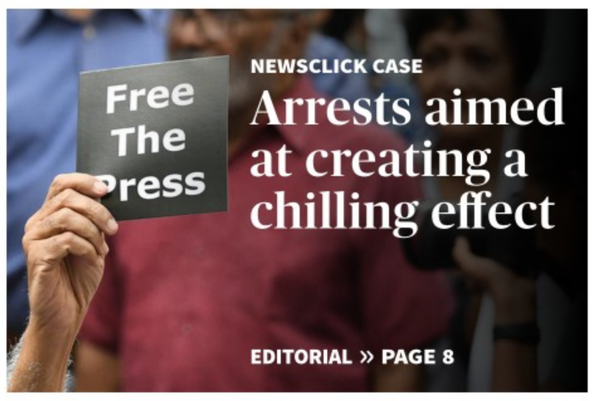

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Population of stray dogs in city drops

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A survey carried out by the civic body has estimated that the population of stray dogs has come down by around 10% compared to when the last such survey was held in 2019.

Civic officials have attributed this decline to the success of the Animal Birth Control programme in the city.

The survey has also shown that the neutering of stray dogs has increased by around 20% during the 2019-23 period.

Meanwhile, the civic body announced that it would soon administer a first-of-its-kind five-in-one vaccine to stray dogs to protect them against not only rabies but four other viral diseases, including the highly contagious canine distemper virus.

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Seven dead as glacial lake bursts in Sikkim

22 Army personnel missing; South Lhonak lake suddenly overflowed into the Teesta river, creating flash floods that destroyed the Chungthang dam

Jacob Koshy
Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

At least seven people were killed and scores more were injured or are missing after flash floods inundated Sikkim on Wednesday.

The floods are believed to have been triggered after a lake, forming from the gradual melting of a Himalayan glacier, suddenly overflowed and inundated the Teesta river basin.

This destroyed the Chungthang dam, a key component of the State's largest hydroelectric project, and washed away highways, villages, and towns.

The worst-affected districts were Mangan, Gangtok, Pakyong, and Namchi. Twenty-two Army personnel were among those reported missing.

Thick torrent: The Teesta river in spate on Wednesday after a glacial lake burst in Sikkim. PTI

The South Lhonak lake in northern Sikkim is situated about 5,200 metres above sea level. Scientists have previously warned that the lake had been expanding over years, possibly from the melting of the ice at its head. Nearly half the lake was drained out, according to a press statement by the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA). This was likely caused by an "avalanche from the ice-capped feature".

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LPG subsidy for Ujjwala beneficiaries raised to ₹300

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the Assembly elections in five States, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday raised the subsidy given on LPG cylinders under the Ujjwala scheme to ₹300 from the current ₹200 per cylinder.

A 14.2-kg cylinder under the Ujjwala scheme, which provides free cooking gas connections to poor women, will now cost ₹603 as against the current ₹703.

The decision is expected to benefit 9.6 crore families.

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The World Cup Guide
As the 13th edition of the ODI World Cup gets under way at Ahmedabad on Thursday, a look at the salient features:
■ The tournament, which will run from October 5 to November 19, begins with a match between the 2019 finalists (England and New Zealand)
10 teams - Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka - will play in a round-robin format
■ The top four will enter the semifinals
■ Matches will be staged at 10 venues: Narendra Modi Stadium (Ahmedabad), M. Chinnaswamy Stadium (Bengaluru), M.A. Chidambaram Stadium (Chennai), Arun Jaitley Stadium (New Delhi), HPCA Stadium (Dharamshala), Eden Gardens (Kolkata), Ekana Cricket Stadium (Lucknow), Wankhede Stadium (Mumbai), MCA International Stadium (Pune) and Rajiv Gandhi Stadium (Hyderabad)
■ Australia has been crowned champion five times while India and West Indies have won twice. Pakistan, Sri Lanka and England are the other winners
WINNER $4 million
RUNNER-UP $2 million
SEMIFINALISTS $800,000
■ Teams eliminated after the group stage will earn $100,000

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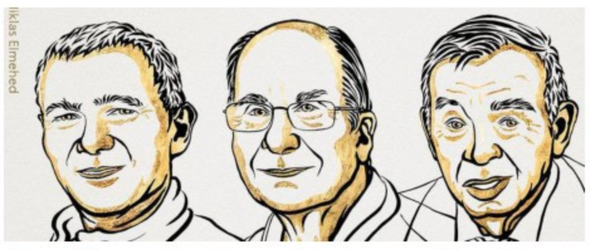
Trio wins Chemistry Nobel for 'quantum dots'

The Hindu Bureau

The 2023 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to Alexei Ekimov, Louis Brus, and Moungi Bawendi for their work on quantum dots – very small crystals with peculiar properties that have found application in a variety of fields, from new-age LED screens to quantum computers.

"Quantum dots are ... bringing the greatest benefit to humankind, and we have just begun to explore their potential," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in a statement on Wednesday. "Researchers believe that in future, quantum dots can contribute to flexible electronics, miniscule sensors, slimmer solar cells, and perhaps encrypted quantum communication."



The trailblazers: Moungi Bawendi, Louis Brus, and Alexei Ekimov.

Earlier, reports emerged that the Nobel Committee had inadvertently revealed the names of the winners in an email, accessed by the Swedish press, in an unusual break from a tradition in which the identity of the laureates remains a closely guarded secret until the announcement.

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NEARBY

Central team to visit drought-hit districts

BENGALURU
A 10-member inter-ministerial central team (IMCT) will visit 13 drought-hit districts of Karnataka for a four-day visit from Thursday to assess the drought situation across the State. » PAGE 4

Congress MLA opposes liquor shops in villages

BENGALURU
Senior Congress MLA B.R. Patil's opposition to the State government's controversial proposal to grant licences to set up liquor shops in rural areas and the remark that "the government should not run with poor peoples' money" is likely to provide a spark for renewal of an anti-liquor agitation. » PAGE 4

ORR records 25% more vehicles on Wednesday

BENGALURU
Traffic police resorted to quick measures to ensure smooth follow of traffic after Outer Ring Road recorded around 25% increase in vehicles on Wednesday. » PAGE 3

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Ground Survey

As the ICC ODI World Cup is all set to be held in India from October 5 to November 19, an in-depth look at the venues which will host the cricketing extravaganza; today, we feature the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai

EMMANUAL YOGINI

Amol Karhadkar

Even before the Indian Premier League final was held in Ahmedabad, the charm of the IPL had disappeared from the Wankhede Stadium. The much-prolonged repair work – to the outfield and a section of stands and hospitality boxes – was undertaken.

After weeks of relentless effort, the Wankhede Stadium is decked up to welcome the World Cup back. While the fans will be looking forward to India playing Sri Lanka more than 12 years later at the same venue where Mahendra Singh Dhoni sealed the World Cup with a six, the Mumbai Cricket Association officials are confident of putting up the best foot forward and offering the fans an enriching experience.

Capacity: The stadium has a capacity of 33,000. However, for each of the five World Cup games, approximately 30,000 spectators can be accommodated after factoring in wasted seats due to sight-screen extensions, giant screens, etc.

Of these 30,000, not more than 15,000 tickets were sold online through the official ticketing partner. The remaining tickets are distributed as complimentary passes among the ICC, BCCI sponsors, MCA's affiliated clubs, former international cricketers from Mumbai, and various state and central agencies that are affiliated units of the MCA, along with the state and central agencies that help in the smooth conduct of the matches.

The MCA has 211 ordinary Maidan clubs affiliated with it. Each club is allotted a certain number of tickets for every international game, which are expected to be passed on to cricketers representing those clubs.

"We have appointed a professional auditing firm to oversee ticket distribution. It has ensured that transparency of the highest quality is being maintained while distributing tickets for each of the five matches," says Ajinkya Naik, the MCA secretary.

Hospitality boxes: The Wankhede Stadium has 59 corporate hospitality boxes, of which 48 are sold through the tendering process. The tendering process had been undertaken recently after the previous lease expired in 2021. All the boxes put together fit almost 1,000 spectators.

While the previous lease had a combined clause for IPL and international matches at Wankhede, the MCA has devised a mechanism to attract varied bidders by dividing and adding an additional category only for the IPL.

Practice facilities: It has been a bone of contention at the Wankhede due to a lack of space in south Mumbai. As a result, teams practise on the sidelines at the main stadium in the lead-up to matches. Besides, the MCA will also utilise the adjoining Brabourne Stadium – owned by the Cricket Club of India – and MCA's very own Sharad Pawar Cricket Academy at the Bandra-Kurla Complex. Should the monsoon prolong into October, the indoor facility at BKC will come in handy for the teams. "Since BKC has a year-round activity going, all the arrangements are in place to offer the highest quality training for all the teams competing in Mumbai," says Naik.

> The MCA prides itself on the Wankhede Stadium and the overall spectator experience. We have left no stone unturned in ensuring the biggest spectacle in world cricket ends up being the most memorable event for everyone who turns up at Wankhede.
>
> **AJINKYA NAIK**
> Secretary, MCA

Pitch and outfield: The Wankhede has 13 pitches on the main square, with four being prepared for the five games, including the semifinal. The red-soil pitches have behaved to the delight of the majority of teams and players. MCA curator Ramesh Mhamunkar, a veteran, is confident of offering "sporting pitches" for the event. "Let me assure you that all the players and spectators will thoroughly enjoy playing on these pitches, as they always do," says Mhamunkar, without getting into the nitty-gritty, citing a BCCI directive for curators to not open up about the pitches. More than the pitches, it's the relaying of the outfield that was among Mhamunkar's major concerns. With weeds having sprung up all over the outfield, the MCA was told to relay the outfield by BCCI's chief curator almost two years ago. But the continuous allotment of the games kept delaying it. Finally, the relaying of the grass started in May, with M/s. L.S. Brothers being handed the ground. According to Mhamunkar, the outfield was scrapped "three inches deep" and fresh grass was relaid. "Due to the rain, we had to keep cutting the grass frequently, but by the end of August, the outfield had a lush-green look," says Mhamunkar. "Andy Atkinson (the ICC pitch consultant) was all praise for our work when he inspected the pitch and the outfield."

Entry points: The stadium has six gates and 48 turnstiles on match days. With the two foot-over bridges having been damaged and closed for spectators due to the dispute between the MCA and the Western Railway authorities, the MCA, just like the IPL, has created an additional gate –5A – from the University Pavilion entrance with an eye on avoiding overcrowding. The MCA has ensured that additional signages will be displayed all over south Mumbai. Besides, at least one lift will be reserved for wheelchair-bound spectators, barring two stands. A ramp will also be created for physically challenged spectators. With the stadium being adjacent to the famed Queen's Necklace, it is well connected through public transport. The Churchgate and Marine Lines local train stations are right next to it, while the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus is a short walk away. Despite the convenience, a majority of spectators have to walk almost two kilometres due to traffic diversions and logistical issues. Add to that the parking woes that the majority of four-wheeler and two-wheeler drivers face, and it's most advisable for spectators to avoid driving down on match days. Parking has been a major challenge for MCA, with the limited parking space barely enough to accommodate team buses and VVIP vehicles. For other hospitality boxes, the MCA rents out major parking lots in and around the stadium on match days, but that only leads to a maximum of 600 parking lots being available to the MCA. It barely fits VIPs and hospitality box ticket holders.

Accessibility and challenges: The first point of tickets being scanned to the seats is a substantial walk. Besides, for major games – especially the India-Sri Lanka and the semifinal – smooth spectator flow into the stands will be critical. Should the MCA open the gates early, at least for these games, it will ensure spectator convenience and safety. "We have roped in an event management agency so that the spectators enjoy a memorable experience at the Wankhede. The agency has been appointed to ensure the World Cup experience is as memorable – if not more than – the IPL for each and every spectator. Trained staff and volunteers will assist every cricket-crazy fan that turns up at the stadium," says Naik.

In case of emergency: Three ambulances for the spectators will be stationed at various points in the stadium premises for medical emergencies, should the need arise. Besides the MCA's arrangement with Bombay Hospital for allotting beds on priority, if required, for spectators on match days, the MCA will install at least one first-aid kid in every stand, and doctors will be available at every booth. Sensing the hot and humid climate in Mumbai, free water stations will be created at every level.

Dressing rooms: Both the dressing rooms have been renovated. From the seating to the flooring to the dining area to the physiotherapy corner to the lavatories, everything has been renewed in the last four months. "This was a major part of the revamp project. We consulted former and current cricketers from Mumbai and have tried our best to include their suggestions to make players feel at home," says Naik.

Washrooms: For spectators, the Wankhede Stadium accounts for 53 washrooms for men and 54 for women combined. While the spectator-washroom ratio is acceptable considering the relatively smaller capacity, the hygiene of washrooms on match days has been questionable. The spectators have often complained about choked washrooms, especially in the latter half of an ODI. "It will not happen any longer," exclaims a MCA official.

Water: The BCCI has roped in a pouring partner. Besides, the MCA will add to its previous policy of having at least one free water station in every stand, and at every level.

Floodlights: Naik states that the BCCI inspection expressed full satisfaction with the existing floodlights, and the MCA has ensured the requisite intensity levels as per the tournament guidelines.

What's new: Besides the new-look dressing rooms, the MCA has also amended the president's box. The key feature is the addition of a gallery to the president's box, in order to let some of the VVIPs experience the real vibe of a game by being outdoors for a while.

The association is also trying its best to jazz up the stadium by having it newly painted and adding vibrant colours to the concourse and the walls. The main entrance will have a light show, in sync with the IPL model. The MCA has also refurbished the media centre. Despite curtailing the capacity of the Balasaheb Thackeray Press Box by creating three corporate boxes since the new box was made in 2011, the press box will accommodate no more than 150 individuals. The commentary boxes area has also been renovated, with additional boxes allotted to regional language commentators for official broadcasters.

THE GIST

The Wankhede will host five matches

October 21
England vs South Africa

October 24
Bangladesh vs South Africa

November 2
India vs Sri Lanka

November 7
Afghanistan vs Australia

November 15
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DATE	MATCH			VENUE
THU 5 OCTOBER	ENGLAND	V	NEW ZEALAND	AHMEDABAD
FRI 6 OCTOBER	PAKISTAN	V	NETHERLANDS	HYDERABAD
SAT 7 OCTOBER ☀	BANGLADESH	V	AFGHANISTAN	DHARAMSALA
SAT 7 OCTOBER	SOUTH AFRICA	V	SRI LANKA	DELHI
SUN 8 OCTOBER	INDIA	V	AUSTRALIA	CHENNAI
MON 9 OCTOBER	NEW ZEALAND	V	NETHERLANDS	HYDERABAD
TUE 10 OCTOBER ☀	ENGLAND	V	BANGLADESH	DHARAMSALA
TUE 10 OCTOBER	PAKISTAN	V	SRI LANKA	HYDERABAD
WED 11 OCTOBER	INDIA	V	AFGHANISTAN	DELHI
THU 12 OCTOBER	AUSTRALIA	V	SOUTH AFRICA	LUCKNOW
FRI 13 OCTOBER	NEW ZEALAND	V	BANGLADESH	CHENNAI
SAT 14 OCTOBER	INDIA	V	PAKISTAN	AHMEDABAD
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MON 16 OCTOBER	AUSTRALIA	V	SRI LANKA	LUCKNOW
TUE 17 OCTOBER	SOUTH AFRICA	V	NETHERLANDS	DHARAMSALA
WED 18 OCTOBER	NEW ZEALAND	V	AFGHANISTAN	CHENNAI
THU 19 OCTOBER	INDIA	V	BANGLADESH	PUNE
FRI 20 OCTOBER	AUSTRALIA	V	PAKISTAN	BENGALURU
SAT 21 OCTOBER ☀	NERTHERLANDS	V	SRI LANKA	LUCKNOW
SAT 21 OCTOBER	ENGLAND	V	SOUTH AFRICA	MUMBAI
SUN 22 OCTOBER	INDIA	V	NEW ZEALAND	DHARAMSALA
MON 23 OCTOBER	PAKISTAN	V	AFGHANISTAN	CHENNAI
TUE 24 OCTOBER	SOUTH AFRICA	V	BANGLADESH	MUMBAI
WED 25 OCTOBER	AUSTRALIA	V	NETHERLANDS	DELHI
THU 26 OCTOBER	ENGLAND	V	SRI LANKA	BENGALURU
FRI 27 OCTOBER	PAKISTAN	V	SOUTH AFRICA	CHENNAI
SAT 28 OCTOBER ☀	AUSTRALIA	V	NEW ZEALAND	DHARAMSALA
SAT 28 OCTOBER	NETHERLANDS	V	BANGLADESH	KOLKATA
SUN 29 OCTOBER	INDIA	V	ENGLAND	LUCKNOW
MON 30 OCTOBER	AFGHANISTAN	V	SRI LANKA	PUNE
TUE 31 OCTOBER	PAKISTAN	V	BANGLADESH	KOLKATA
WED 1 NOVEMBER	NEW ZEALAND	V	SOUTH AFRICA	PUNE
THU 2 NOVEMBER	INDIA	V	SRI LANKA	MUMBAI
FRI 3 NOVEMBER	NETHERLANDS	V	AFGHANISTAN	LUCKNOW
SAT 4 NOVEMBER ☀	NEW ZEALAND	V	PAKISTAN	BENGALURU
SAT 4 NOVEMBER	ENGLAND	V	AUSTRALIA	AHMEDABAD
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Population of street dogs down by 10% in Bengaluru: Survey

At 58,341, highest number of strays recorded in Mahadevapura zone; least number in Dasarahalli

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The street dog survey carried out by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) shows that the population of stray dogs has come down by 10% from 3.1 lakh in 2019 to 2.79 lakh in city. The BBMP attributed the decrease to Animal Birth Control (ABC)-Anti Rabies Vaccinations (ARV) programmes.

The survey that was conducted through sight-resight method show that neutering of dogs has increased by 20% from 51.16% in 2019 to 71.85%.

The BBMP made four categories: lake surroundings, slum areas, commercial areas and general residential areas and divided them into 6,850 grids (micro zones) each having an area of 0.5 sq.km. The survey was carried out in the randomly selected 1360 micro zones over 12 days by a total of 50 teams. The technical support was provided by ICAR-NIVEDI and WVS (Mission Rabies). In the lake surrounding areas drone were deployed for the same, first of its kind in the country.

BBMP Special Commissioner for Health and Animal Husbandry Department Trilok Chandra releasing the report on survey of dogs in Bengaluru on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

BBMP Special Commissioner of Health and Animal Husbandry Department Trilok Chandra said with about 71% stray dogs sterilised in the city, the department is effectively manging its population to control dog menace and eradicate rabies. He said according to the data, about 15,000 dog bite cases were reported till September this year, while it was over 22,000 last year.

At 58,341, the highest number of strays was recorded in Mahadevapura zone and least number was recorded in Dasarahalli with 21,221 dogs. While East zone has 37,685 dogs, West has 22,025, South has 23,241, RR Nagar has 41,266, Bommanahalli has 39,183 and Yelahanka has 36,343. The population of male dogs is estimated at 1,65,341 and female dogs 82,757.

The BBMP said they would also compile a ward-wise stray dog data for newly demarcated 225 wards. Mr. Trilok Chandra said the BBMP will set up more ACB centres and work towards eradicating rabies by 2030.

Street dog population

Zone	Population
East	37,685
West	22,025
South	23,241
Dasarahalli	21,221
R.R. Nagar	41,266
Bommanahalli	39,183
Yelahanka	36,343
Mahadevapura	58,341
Total	2,79,335

In a first in the country, BBMP to administer 5-in-one vaccine to stray dogs

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

For the first time in the country for any civic body, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will administer a five-in-one vaccine for stray canines to protect them from five diseases, including the highly contagious canine distemper virus.

The BBMP will be soon be calling tenders to procure vials of the vaccine through e-procurement. This is in addition to the ongoing anti-rabies vaccination programme. According to the BBMP, no municipality has so far implemented this programme.

The vaccine known as DHPPI protects the dogs from canine distemper virus, two types of adenovirus, aka hepatitis and kennel cough, Parainfluenza, and parvovirus. Usually this vaccine is given to pets. The lowest bidder will be awarded the tender. The BBMP is also looking to increase the number of anti-birth control centres in the city.

A stray dog being administered the anti-rabies vaccine in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

1.4 lakh vials needed

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health and Animal Husbandry) Trilok Chandra, talking to *The Hindu*, said about 1.4 lakh vials are required to vaccinate the dogs.

For instance, if any dog catches canine distemper virus and is brought to ABC centre for treatment, the virus will spread to other dogs being treated for ailments. The vaccine will also help stop the spread. No civic body protects dogs from this disease and the BBMP is first in the country to do so, he said.

After procuring the vials, the BBMP will start administering the vaccine by catching the dogs. To avoid repetition, the BBMP plans to put geo-tagging on dogs or insert a microchip after vaccinating and sterilising.

According to a senior official in the Animal Husbandry Department, the BBMP is studying the feasibility of microchip and geo-tagging. In Hebbal campus of the department, about 150 dogs will be geo-tagged and observed for 20 days. The official said the neck belt in geo-tagging may irritate the strays prompting them to be removed. If more dogs show this behaviour, the option of geo-tagging will be dropped.

On the other hand, the BBMP will insert microchips to 100 dogs and will observe their behaviour too. The microchip will contain details about vaccination and sterilisation, and when scanned, the officials can access them.

The vaccine, known as DHPPI, protects dogs from canine distemper virus, two types of adenovirus, aka hepatitis and kennel cough, Parainfluenza, and parvovirus

HC imposes ₹5 lakh cost on State govt. for not responding on city's public toilets

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday imposed a cost of ₹5 lakh on the State government for failing to respond for the last three years and despite a specific direction issued by the court on August 8 to file response within three weeks on a PIL petition, which had raised issues related to the city's public toilets.

Also, the court directed the Secretary, Department of Urban Development, to be personally present before it on the next date of hearing on November 2, while deprecating the conduct of the government in failing to comply with the court's direction.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Krishna S. Dixit passed the order while hearing the petition filed by Letzkit Foundation, Bengaluru.

While asking the government to deposit the cost within two weeks, the Bench said that the government is at liberty to recover the cost from erring officials.

Order passed

The Bench passed the order after the government counsel sought time to respond on the ground that she is yet to get instruction from the government to file response.

When the government counsel pleaded for leniency on cost, Justice Dixit orally said that he was in favour of imposing a cost of at least ₹25 lakh but the Chief Justice has shown leniency by imposing only ₹5 lakh. In its August 8 order, the High Court had noticed that the government had failed to respond to the petition even though the proceedings were being held regularly on the issues raised in the petition and only the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) was responding to the court from the last three years. The court had asked for the State government's response within three weeks.

When the petition came up for hearing on Wednesday, the counsel for the petitioner pointed out that the government had failed to comply with the specific direction issued by the court.

Karnataka Information Commission slaps fine on police for not giving details of CCTV footage

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Information Commission (KIC) not only imposed a penalty of ₹25,000 on a station house officer of Nangli police station for not providing information about CCTV cameras in the station, but also directed the State police chief to comply with the Supreme Court order on installation of CCTV cameras in all police stations and submit a compliance report to the commission.

The case pertains to the alleged custodial torture and death of 30-year-old suspect Muniraju, hailing from Andhra Pradesh, who was picked up by Nangli police, Mulabagal taluk, in August, in connection with a theft case. He was allegedly kept in illegal detention for 10 days and later released when he was ill. The police admitted him to Kolar District Hospital, where he succumbed to death.

The police informed his family members and even allegedly tried to bribe them to not pursue the case. Based on a complaint by the victim's family, advocate Sudha Katwa sought the CCTV footage of the camera installed at the police station under Right to Information Act, 2004, from station house officer G. Pradeep Singh. As he did not respond to this application, Ms. Katwa approached KIC seeking details.

The police not only failed to provide the details but also allegedly tried to mislead the commission that the cameras were under repair. However, when the officer reportedly failed to substantiate his claims, the commission slapped a fine of ₹25,000 to be deducted from his salary.

The KIC also directed the DG&IGP, Karnataka, to ensure CCTV cameras are installed at all police stations as per the Supreme Court guidelines.

Ms. Katwa said that despite the Supreme Court guidelines there are no CCTV cameras in many police stations. However, a senior police official said most police stations had already installed CCTV cameras, but many had developed technical snags.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the NOTICE of General Public, that my client **MRS.RINKU BAFNA,** W/o Mr.Rakesh Bafna, Aadhar No.9424 9556 1250 and **MR.RAKESH BAFNA,** S/o Sri.Sukhraj Bafna, Aadhar No.2144 4994 1904, Residing at No.183, Flat No.401, 4th Floor, Parasmani Spring, Chamarajpet, Bangalore – 560 018, intends to purchase the schedule property from **SMT.LEELA PRAKASH BABU,** W/o Sri.P.Prakash Babu, Aadhar No.8456 0906 1073, Residing at No.1824, 5th Main, 12th Cross, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560 104.

This notice is hereby given for the information of General public that, any persons/Banks/Financial institutes having any right, title, share, claim or interest against/in the schedule property may contact me with their documentary/legitimate proof in support of their claim within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this notice. If no claim is so lodged with me within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication, after which my clients shall proceed with the Absolute Sale Deed on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever, as if the same is free from all kinds of claims/ encumbrances and no claim shall be entertained later.

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I, SUNDAR Rajan S, S/o Sri Srinivasagopalan, R/a #203, Suryadharshan apts, 14th Crs, 8th Mn, Next to Canara Union, Malleswaram, B'lore-560003 hereby state that both the names Sundar Rajan S and S Sunder belongs to one and the same person i.e., me only vide affidavit dt: 11.08.23 sworn before Notary S.R.Paramashivaiah, B'luru.

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I, S Harinath Rao R/o No. 22, Sadanandappa Layout, Beereshwaranagar, Jp Nagar 7th Phase, Chunchagatta Road, Bangalore - 560062 have changed my minor daughter's name from S Yasaswini to S Yashaswini.

I, VICTORIA W/o Balu C, presently residing at No.58, Siddartha Colony, Neelasandra Viveknagar Post, Bangalore 560047, have changed my name to Bhagya Lakshmi vide affidavit dated: 03.10.2023, sworn before Notary Gangaraju B N.

I, Dilli Babu S alias Dillibabu Shankaramoorthy S/o Shankaramoorthy , residing at No. 63, 1st Cross, Nanjamma Layout, Devasandra, KR Puram, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560036, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Dilip S.

I, USHA Rani.M w/o Rajesh Rajan residing at #1313,3rd Block HBR Layout,1st Stage, Bangalore 560045 here by declare that Usha Rani.M and Usha Rajan both name belongs to me only. Hence forth I shall be known and called as Usha Rajan only for all legal purposes, Vide affidavit dated:27-09-2023 sworn before notary Uday Kumar.K, Bangalore

TENDERS

Oushadhi
The Pharmaceutical Corporation (I.M.) Kerala Ltd.
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
Kuttanellur, Thrissur-14, Kerala
Ph: 0487- 2459841, 2459807.
E-mail : purchase@oushadhi.org

P/85/2023-24 Date: 5.10.2023

RE-TENDER NOTICE

Re-E-Tenders & Re-Tenders are invited for the supply of **I)** Raw Materials and **II)** Containers & Packing Materials for the period 1st **November 2023** to 31st **March 2024**. Last date of submission of all Tenders: **19.10.2023**. E-Tenders can be downloaded from the website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** & Re-Tenders from **www.oushadhitender.com.** For more details, please visit our website **www.oushadhi.org** or contact our Purchase Division at Kuttanellur.

(Sd/-)
Thrissur Managing Director

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
Construction & Maintenance Division,
LPSC Campus, 80 Ft. Road, HAL II Stage, Bengaluru-560 008
Ph: 080-25037 131/174/214

Date: 04.10.2023

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On behalf of the President of India,item rate tenders are invited for the following work:

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Tender Notice No.	**CMD/LPSC(B)/E/MT/26/2023-24 dated 03.10.2023**
Estimated Amount	**₹ 52.85 Lakhs**
Period of completion	**12 Months**
Sale Period	**From 04.10.2023 to 15.10.2023**
Earnest Money Deposit	**₹ 1,05,700/-**

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Sd/- Head, CMD, LPSC (B)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, our client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **Mr.UMESH.G (GANGADHARA UMESH)** S/o Sri.Gangadhara.H, residing at No.6, 8th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560002. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.26-50/1/32-33/27-28** (7/50/1-32-33) Khatha No.229 old Khatha No.50/1, Site Nos.32 & 33, measuring East to West (44+42)/ft and North to South 66ft in all measuring 2838 Sq.ft, with a building thereon, situated at **Yelachenahalli Village,** Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.185-Yelachenahalli and bounded as follows:

East by : Property bearing No.38 & 39
West by : Road
North by : Road
South by : Property bearing No.34

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
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Chief Public Relations Officer, Jabalpur

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FORM A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Regulation 14 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2017)
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF
DDMS SIMULATIONS SOFTWARE CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED

1	NAME OF CORPORATE PERSON	DDMS SIMULATIONS SOFTWARE CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED
2	DATE OF INCORPORATION OF CORPORATE PERSON	11.07.1990
3	AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH CORPORATE PERSON IS INCORPORATED / REGISTERED	ROC-Bangalore
4	CORPORATE IDENTITY NUMBER / LIMITED LIABILITY IDENTITY NUMBER OF CORPORATE PERSON	U72200KA1990PTC011058
5	ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE (IF ANY) OF CORPORATE PERSON	505/6,47THA CROSS, 5TH Block Jayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560041
6	LIQUIDATION COMMENCEMENT DATE OF CORPORATE PERSON	30.09.2023
7	NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE LIQUIDATOR, AUTHORISATION FOR ASSIGNMENT (AFA) Validity	CS THIRUPAL GORIGE NO. 87, 2ND FLOOR, 21ST CROSS, 7TH MAIN, N S. PALYA, BTM 2ND STAGE, BANGALORE-560076, KARNATAKA, INDIA CELL +91 94483 84064, LL +080 7963 4233 EMAIL: GTHIRUPAL@GMAIL.COM IP REG. NO. IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00016/2016-17/10030 AFA valid upto21/05/2024
8	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS	30.10.2023

Notice is hereby given that **DDMS Simulations Software Consultants Private Limited** has commenced voluntary liquidation on **30.09.2023.**

The stake holders of **DDMS simulations software consultants private limited** are hereby called upon to submit a proof of their claims, **on or before 30.10.2023** to the liquidator at the address mentioned against item 7.

The financial creditors shall submit their proof of claims by electronic means only. All other stakeholders may submit the proof of claims in person, by post or by electronic means.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Date : 01.10.2023 **Thirupal Gorige**
Place : Bangalore **Liquidator**

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the owner/s of the Survey Number, as mentioned herein below, situated at Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter called **"Schedule Property".**

ALL persons including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, banks, financial institution(s), non-banking financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, succession, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, right of way, lis pendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, or any liability or commitment or otherwise or demand of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at 6/12, Gurappa Avenue, Primrose Road, Bengaluru 560 025 within a period of **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **land bearing Survey No. 36/8, measuring 12.08 Guntas, situated at Lingadeeragollahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,** and bounded as follows:

East by: Survey No. 36/7;
West by: Survey Nos. 39;
North by: Survey No. 36/5;
South by: Survey Nos. 36/9, 36/10, 36/11, 36/12 and 36/13.

Sd/-

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What is a uterus transplant and what does it mean to have one?

Unlike heart or liver transplants, uterus transplants aren't life-saving transplants. Instead, they are more akin to limb or skin transplants – which improve the quality of individuals' lives. Uterus transplants can help women who lack a uterus fulfil their reproductive needs

Rebecca Rose Varghese

A creative illustration depicting the uterus. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

On August 23, doctors at the Churchill Hospital Oxford, in the U.K., conducted the country's first uterus transplant. They removed the uterus from a 40-year-old woman and transplanted it to her 34-year-old sister, who had a rare condition that affected her ability to reproduce, according to the BBC. While the womb was functional, only a live birth in the near future can prove that the transplant succeeded, Isabel Quiroga, the lead surgeon involved in the procedure, has said.

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In 2014, as part of an initiative led by the chair of the obstetrics and gynaecology department at the University of Gothenburg, Mats Brännström, the first live birth after a uterus transplant took place in Sweden. The success signalled that the procedure could reverse the consequences of uterine factor infertility. Nine women in Sweden received transplanted wombs donated by relatives in Dr. Brännström's programme, according to news reports.

The doctors now aim to make the procedure more affordable. At present, the National Health Service cost of surgery in the U.K. is estimated at GBP 25,000 (₹ 25.26 lakh).

India is one of a few countries to have had a successful uterine transplant; others include Turkey, Sweden, and the U.S. India's first uterine transplant baby was born on October 18, 2018 - 17 months after the recipient had undergone the procedure. The cost of surgery is currently Rs 15-17 lakh in India.

What are the steps of a transplant?

According to research papers published by the *American Journal of Transplantation* and the *Journal of Clinical Medicine*, before transplantation, the recipient is evaluated for good physical and mental health.

Similarly, whether the uterus is from a deceased or a live donor, it is checked for viability before it qualifies for donation. Live donors also undergo gynaecological examinations, including CT and MRI scans. They are also screened for uterine cancer, including tests for the human papillomavirus, a Papanicolaou smear, and an endometrial biopsy.

The procedure doesn't connect the uterus to the fallopian tubes - which ensure the ovum from the ovaries moves to the uterus - so the individual can't become pregnant through natural means. Instead, doctors remove the recipient's ova, create embryos using *in vitro* fertilisation, and freeze them embryos (a.k.a. cryopreservation). Once the newly transplanted uterus is 'ready', the doctors implant the embryos in the uterus.

Once the transplant has been cleared, the uterus is carefully removed from the donor. The advent of robot-assisted laparoscopy has rendered the procedure less invasive.

The uterus is harvested together with its blood vessels. The arterial and venous vasculature (the network of vessels connecting the heart to other organs and tissues in the body), consisting of the deep uterine artery, the internal iliac arteries, the deep uterine vein, and the internal iliac veins are removed from either side. Surgeons also divide a part of the utero-ovarian branch to keep the ovarian veins from preserving the ovaries.

Surgeons also remove the fallopian tubes (and do not use them in the graft for the donor to prevent pregnancies outside the uterus). With the recipient, the surgeons link up the muscles, cartilage, tendons, and arteries, veins, and other blood vessels so that the uterus functions normally.

Post-transplant pregnancy like?

Surgeons determine the transplant's success in three stages.

The recipient's chance of losing the graft is the highest in the first three months, so this is when doctors keep a tab on the graft's viability.

Six months to one year after the procedure, doctors check for the proper functioning of the uterus. Regular menstruation is considered a good sign in this period. The recipient can attempt to conceive only after this phase.

In the first step of pregnancy, doctors transfer embryos prepared by *in vitro* fertilisation and cryopreserved to the recipient's uterus. Just as with pregnancies after the transplants of other organs among women, there is a higher risk that the body will reject the uterus, or of spontaneous abortion, intrauterine death, low birthweight, or premature birth. So frequent check-ups and follow-ups are mandatory for women with transplanted uteri.

The final stage of success is of course successful childbirth.

Are there side-effects?

To prevent the recipient's body from rejecting the transplanted uterus, the recipient needs to take drugs that suppress the immune system. These drugs are selected such that they won't harm foetal development at any stage - from the uterus's transplant until it is removed after childbirth.

These immunosuppressants are crucial but they do have other side-effects, including toxicity of the kidneys and bone-marrow. They also carry a higher risk of developing diabetes and cancer. For these reasons, the uterus must be removed later.

The recipient is recommended regular follow-ups with doctors for at least a decade after the uterus's removal to lookout for potential long-term side effects of immunosuppressants.

Are there artificial uteri?

Successful uterus transplants have opened the door to new possibilities - including transplanting uteri from deceased donors, a process that has rarely succeeded. This could avoid the stigma and ethical concerns associated with utilising a live donor for a uterus transplant, which subjects a healthy person to medical procedures that can harm them for the benefit of another, especially when it's not a life-saving condition, in contrast to deceased donation where the donor remains unharmed.

Dr. Brännström and his team at the University of Gothenburg are also working on creating a bioengineered artificial uterus. Such an entity could simplify the transplantation process by

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eliminating the need for live donors as well as sidestep debates about the ethics of using such organs.

According to a May 2017 paper authored by Dr. Brännström, to make a bioengineered uterus, researchers start with a small clump of stem cells taken from a woman's blood or bone marrow and use it as the foundation for a 3D scaffold. New cells are added to this scaffold to build up a uterus. These experiments are still in their early stages; preliminary results with rats have shown some promise. Dr. Brannstrom and his colleagues have estimated that it will be about a decade before artificial uteri will reach the efficiency and safety sufficient for human use.

When it does, the advantages could extend to women as well as members of the LGBTQ+ community. However, trans-women recipients, for example, will still need to undergo castration to create an artificial vagina - a process complicated by the fact that it involves hormones.

Male hormones, such as the androgens, can threaten a pregnancy, requiring the administration of high doses of counteracting exogenous hormones. Even then there are concerns about ensuring consistent blood flow to support a developing foetus, as the structure required for a uterus and for foetal development isn't present in the male body.

Trails in the night sky left by the BlueWalker 3 satellite. In the foreground is a telescope at Kitt Peak National Observatory, Arizona. KPNO/NOIRLAB/IAU/SKAO/NSF/AURA/R.

BlueWalker 3 satellite outshines most stars

Press Trust Of India

An international team of scientists, including from Imperial College London, have published a paper in *Nature* journal, detailing the impact of the prototype BlueWalker 3 satellite on astronomy.

The BlueWalker 3 is a prototype satellite, part of a satellite constellation planned by its owner AST SpaceMobile, intended to deliver mobile or broadband services anywhere in the world.

Observations of BlueWalker 3 showed it was one of the brightest objects in the night sky, outshining all but the brightest stars, the researchers said.

Several companies around the world have envisaged such satellite constellations.

However, owing to their location closer to the earth location and relatively large size, their potential to disrupt night sky observations is higher, which is why astronomers are raising concerns around these constellations, or groups of satellites.

"The pristine night sky is also an important part of humanity's shared

Researchers recognised that satellite constellations are important but say interference with astronomical observations could severely hamper progress in understanding the cosmos

cultural heritage and should be protected for society at large and for future generations," said Dave Clements, from the Department of Physics at Imperial.

Observations taken within weeks of BlueWalker 3's launch in September 2022 showed that the satellite was among the brightest objects in the sky.

These observations were supported by data from professionals and amateurs from sites across the world, including those in Chile, the US, Mexico and Aotearoa New Zealand.

The data was also used to calculate the satellite's trajectory over time, that could help astronomers to try and avoid them or at least know where they will be in the data.

However, mitigating against the brightness is difficult beyond masking their position and losing data for that portion of the sky, the researchers said.

Further, because BlueWalker 3 uses wavelengths close to those that radio telescopes observe in, the satellite could also hamper radio astronomy.

"BlueWalker 3 actively transmits at radio frequencies that are close to bands reserved for radio astronomy, and existing observatory protection from radio interference may not be sufficient.

"Further research is therefore required to develop strategies for protecting existing and upcoming telescopes from the numerous satellites planned for launch over the next decade," said Mike Peel, co-lead of CPS's Sathub, which was envisaged as "a new comprehensive, worldwide, coordinated, and public observing initiative". One of its components include astronomical data repositories.

While the researchers recognised that the satellite constellations are important for improving worldwide communications, they say that their interference with astronomical observations could severely hamper their progress in understanding of the cosmos.

Their deployment should therefore be conducted with due consideration of their side effects and with efforts made to minimise their impact on astronomy, they said in their paper.

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THE SCIENCE QUIZ

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The 2023 physics Nobel Prize has been awarded for attosecond physics

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

.Attosecond physics deals with light pulses that are emitted for a few attoseconds at a time, no more. By bouncing such pulses off of electrons, scientists practically have a camera that can 'see' electrons changing their properties. How much of a second is one attosecond?

QUESTION 2

Modern attosecond physics is partly rooted in innovations to build powerful lasers. One such innovation was recognised by the 2018 Nobel Prize for physics – awarded to Arthur Ashkin, Gérard Mourou and Donna Strickland. Of them, Dr. Mourou and Dr. Strickland were awarded for being the first to practically implement _____ _____ _____. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 3

The Nobel Committee awarded a similar prize, for chemistry, in 1999 to the Egyptian scientist Ahmed Zewail. Dr. Zewail's contributions helped physicists and chemists study chemical reactions in extreme detail. As a result, he is called the "father of _____". Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 4

A fundamental concept used to produce attosecond pulses of light is ____-_____ _____. Here, when a beam of light, like from a laser, illuminates a gas, atoms in the gas emit light whose frequency is some high multiple of the beam. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 5

In 2017, researchers in Zurich created a world record by producing the shortest pulse of light ever: its duration was just 43 attoseconds. Which gas did they use in their experiment?

Answers to October 3 quiz:

1. Dutch chemist who won the first chemistry Nobel Prize – **Ans: Jacobus Henricus van 't Hoff**

2. Chemistry 1938, chemistry 1939, and medicine 1939 laureates – **Ans: Richard Kuhn, Adolf Butenandt, Gerhard Domagk**

3. Physicist who discovered first radio pulsars in 1967 – **Ans: Jocelyn Bell Burnell**

4. Only physicist who has won the physics Nobel Prize twice – **Ans: John Bardeen**

5. Nobel Prizes awarded only 23% of the time to such work – **Ans: Inventions**

Visual: **Arnold Sommerfeld**

First contact: Josh Anju Janagam | Anand Coilpillai | Kamuju Ridhi Trailokya

Visual: Name this man, who won the 2023 Wolf Prize along with two of the three Nobel laureates, but not a Nobel itself, for contributions to attosecond physics. YOUTUBE

Shivakumar directs BBMP to resume stalled works in city

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar interacting with officials during an inspection of drainage works in Vasanthnagar on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister (Dy. CM) and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar said he has directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to resume stalled works in the city.

Mr. Shivakumar said he has asked the officials to restart work after obtaining permission from the department concerned. He was speaking after inspecting the underground drainage works near Ayyappa Swamy temple, Vasanthnagar, and the road widening work at Jayamahal road. He instructed the officials to complete the works expeditiously.

Mr. Shivakumar said no agencies should dig roads laid under TenderSure and a separate underground channel has been given to lay cables, which is not being used by anyone. To enhance the beauty of the city, the cables must go underground, he said.

He said flooding of roads is a major issue in Bengaluru and the water has to flow towards stormwater drains through underground drains. "I have now given directions to officials to restart drainage works which were sanctioned by the government," he said.

Mr. Shivakumar said potholes should be filled on a priority basis and he deliberated with stakeholders on identifying potholes in police limits. He said he will be visiting Outer Ring Road on October 7 to understand the problem and discuss solutions.

Govt. makes its NOC must for private engg. colleges to offer new courses, increase intake

'Lack of regulatory framework for institutions on offering new courses, increasing number of seats in IT courses and decreasing seats in other streams creating imbalance at the regional level'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To regulate the unchecked growth of technical/engineering education in the tier-1/metro cities of the State, the State government has decided to make a no objection certificate (NOC) from it mandatory to increase intake, offer new courses in private engineering colleges from the next academic year.

Minister for Higher Education M.C. Sudhakar recently wrote to All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) requesting stringent regulations on the issue. AICTE responded saying the State government could control engineering seats in private colleges. Following this, it has decided to bring this regulation at the State level.

"Lack of regulatory framework on institutions over offering new courses, increasing the number of seats in IT courses and decreasing the seats in other streams, especially in tier-1 cities, is creating an imbalance both at the regional level and in the number of students graduating in these streams as against job opportunities available in the market. Therefore, we have decided to bring regulations at the State level to avoid such a situation," said Dr. Sudhakar. "The AICTE has already clarified that the State government can regulate engineering education. But 'To-be-deemed universities' come under the University Grant Commission. Therefore, I will write a letter to the UGC in this regard. And, we are also planning to amend the rules and regulations governing technical education in the State," he said.

Presently, private engineering colleges apply for sanction of engineering seats and increase intake for various streams to AICTE, which examines these applications online and forwards them to Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) for further inquiry.

"VTU conducts an inspection through a Local Inquiry Committee on compliance of norms like staff, laboratory and other infrastructure. In many cases, VTU grants permission based on an undertaking by the colleges that they would fulfil the requirements in due course. From the next academic year, a NOC from the State government will be mandatory," Dr. Sudhakar said.

ORR records 25% more vehicles on Wednesday

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city traffic police resorted to quick measures to ensure smooth follow of traffic after Outer Ring Road (ORR) recorded 20% to 25% increase in vehicles The stretch is back in the spotlight after massive traffic snarls were witnessed on September 26.

According to a senior traffic police officer, parking areas of IT companies along ORR stretch swelled compared to Tuesday. The police are keeping tab on IT companies and are coordinating with them to manage traffic. Increase in traffic is attributed to more IT employees arriving to office for work.

The officer said that as soon the surge was noticed, the movement of heavy goods vehicles were stopped from 3 p.m. between K.R. Puram and Silk Board. On the other hand, IT companies were asked to ensure staggered movement of vehicles from their companies. This helped maintain easy flow of traffic. As the Traffic Department has identified gridlocks, traffic personnel were deployed to manage the vehicles. The measures will continue, the officer said.

INBRIEF

3-day conference at Ramaiah Medical College from Oct. 6

Ramaiah Medical College, a constituent College of Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, is organising the 63rd annual national conference, NAMSCON-2023, a three-day event from October 6 on its premises. The event is being organised in collaboration with the National Academy of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It will shed light on current critical health issues and healthcare through digital innovation.

According to a release, Shalini C. Nooyi, Principal and Dean, Ramaiah Medical College, briefing on the event, said as a prelude to the conference, 14 skill-enhancing workshops are being conducted, such as sports medicine, advanced research, critical incident management, interdisciplinary geriatric rehabilitation among others. For further details, visit www.namscon2023.com

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated October 5, we have a story on the book, *Busted: Debunking Management Myths With Logic, Experience, and Curiosity,* by Ashok Soota and Peter De Jager, and co-authored by Sandhya Mendonca. The book questions the relevance of several management truisms, and debates if they are just myths that need to be examined.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (October 5, Thursday), the following articles are available:

- The impact of the Bihar caste survey
bit.ly/biharcastesurvey
- What is a uterus transplant?
bit.ly/transplantuterus

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access these articles. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access an article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

Police recover 150 phones from habitual offender

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hoskote police on Wednesday arrested a 27-year-old habitual offender, who posing as a mentally challenged, would board crowded buses and steal mobile phones from women passengers.

Syed hails from Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh and lives in Avalahalli with his wife. He would sell the mobile phones to shopkeepers and people known to him. Syed was an alcoholic and would visit pubs and hotels, the police said.

The accused had even broken into some of the mobile phones and transferred cash worth around ₹2 lakh, the police said.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, OCT. 05		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:07
RISE	23:07	SET 11:38
FRIDAY, OCT. 06		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:06
RISE	00:00	SET 12:32
SATURDAY, OCT. 07		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:06
RISE	00:01	SET 13:23

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	25
Mysuru	31	23
Bengaluru	30	20

Bengaluru Today
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower is likely to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
30°C The weather will be slight warm and humid.Night will be pleasant.Chances of light rain and thundershower at few places.

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Lounge time

Stray dogs basking in the morning sun at Cubbon park in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Former BMTC official held in forgery case related to ₹17 cr. scam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Wilson garden police on Wednesday arrested a former chief traffic manager of BMTC for allegedly forging the signatures of senior officers to tamper with documents and award contracts and tenders to undeserving applicants causing financial loss to the tune of ₹17 crore to the corporation.

While the accused Sriram Mulkavan has been arrested by the police, the others involved in the scam are absconding. The accused forged the signature of former BMTC Managing Director C. Shikha and Director of Security and Vigilance Wing Director K. Arun, the police allege.

When the BMTC vigilance discovered the scam and verified the documents, they summoned the accused and questioned him. Assistant security and vigilance officer C.K. Ramya conducted a probe and found that the accused were involved in large-scale irregularities and filed a complaint. The probe revealed that the accused had taken bribe from the beneficiaries through UPI and even helped them to waive dues by forging the letterhead and signatures of the senior BMTC officials.

According to the FIR, the accused forged the signatures of senior officials by making colour photocopies and using it in various other documents illegally. The fraud was said to have been committed from March 2020 to September 2023.

This is the second case of corruption being exposed at the BMTC. A few days ago, seven officials working in BMTC unit 33 were suspended for being caught demanding and accepting bribe from the staff through UPI payments. The accused included depot manager, traffic inspector and controller, attendance supervisor, conductor, and a driver.

Woman held for beating up mobile phone technician

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sampigehalli police on Wednesday arrested three persons, including a 35-year-old woman gangster, who carried out a deadly assault on a mobile phone technician for refusing to help her gang.

The accused, Sadiya, resident of Hegde Nagar and wife of a rowdy sheeter, operates a gang of robbers.

The accused had approached mobile phone technician Imranulla Khan seeking his help to flash some mobile phones which the gang had robbed. Initially, Imranulla helped her to flash the mobile phones but when she approached him with more stolen phones, Imran started to refuse stating that he would get into trouble for doing this. Enraged by this, Sadiya called him to a tea shop and attacked him along with her associates Suhail and Umar.

The police registered a case against Sadiya.

Goverment Of India

Safdarjung Hospital

(A Central Government Hospital under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)
Ansari Nagar East, near to AIIMS Metro Station, New Delhi, Delhi 110029

RECRUITMENT NOTICE FOR GROUP B & C POSTS

No. RECTT-1/3/2023-Recruitment Cell **Dated 4/10/2023**

Central Government Hospitals under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) namely, **Safdarjung Hospital (SJH), Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC), Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML), Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital (KSCH)** and **Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC)** Najafgarh invites online applications from eligible candidates for the following posts.

Sl. No.	Posts	No. of vacancy									
		Total	UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	VH	HH	OH	PWBD others	Ex-Service
1	FAMILY WELFARE EXTENSION EDUCATOR	RHTC - 2		1		1						
2	COMPUTOR	RHTC -1	1									
3	RADIOGRAPHER	SJH - 22	10	3	1	6	2					
4	X-RAY ASSISTANT	SJH - 8	4	1		2	1					
		RML - 10	3	2	1	2	2					
5	ECG TECHNICIAN	SJH - 11	5	1		4	1					
6	MEDICAL LAB TECHNOLOGIST	SJH - 139	57	21	10	38	13		25	5	16	
		RML - 20	8	3	1	6	2	1	1			
7	JUNIOR MEDICAL LAB TECHNOLOGIST	SJH - 33	15	4	1	10	3		2		1	
		RML - 6			1	3	2					
		LHMC - 7	5			2						
		KSH - 5	2		1	1	1					
8	PHARMACIST	SJH - 4	2		1	1			2			
		RML - 5	2	1	1		1					
		LHMC - 3	1			2						
		KSH - 1		1								
9	PHYSIOTHERAPIST	SJH-40	16	5	4	11	4	1	1			
		RML - 1			1							
		LHMC - 1	1									
10	OPERATION THEATER ATTENDANT	RML - 20	9		1	7	3					
11	NURSING ATTENDANT	SJH - 93	38	14	7	25	9	1	2		2	
		RML - 93	13		7	47	26	1	1	1	1	
		LHMC - 32	14	5	2	8	3	1			1	3
12	OPERATION THEATER ASSISTANT	SJH - 274	113	41	20	73	27			11		
13	MEDICAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER	KSH - 1				1						
14	MEDICAL RECORD TECHNICIAN	KSH - 2	1			1						
15	OPTOMETRIST	SJH - 1				1			1			
		RML - 2	2									
16	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	LHMC - 2	2									
17	X-RAY TECHNICIAN	LHMC - 9	4	2	1	2			1			
18	OPERATION THEATER TECHNICIAN	LHMC - 13	6	2	1	2	2					4
		KSH - 4	3			1						
19	TECHNICIAN (URODYNAMIC STUDIES)	KSH - 2	2									
20	SENIOR CARDIAC TECHNICIAN	RML - 2		1		1						
21	JUNIOR CARDIAC TECHNICIAN	RML - 10	4	1	1	3	1			1		
22	TECHNICIAN (E.C.T)	RML - 1	1									
23	DENTAL MECHANIC	RML - 1	1									
24	CARE TAKER	RML - 2	1				1					
25	CHAIR-SIDE ASSISTANT	RML - 2	2									
26	RECEPTIONIST GROUP 'C'	RML - 2		1		1						
27	JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHER	RML - 1	1									
28	DRESSER	RML - 9	7				2		1			
29	PSYCHOLOGIST	LHMC - 1	1									
30	TECHNICAL ASSISTANT IN DENTAL SURGERY	LHMC - 1	1									
31	TECHNICIAN EEG, EMG, NCV (NEUROLOGY)	LHMC - 2	2									
32	LIBRARY CLERK	LHMC - 1	1							1		
33	STATISTICIAN CUM MEDICAL RECORD LIBRARIAN	LHMC - 1	1									
34	JUNIOR RADIOTHERAPY TECHNOLOGIST (GRADE I)	LHMC - 6	5			1						

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The hike in LPG subsidy for Ujjwala Yojana beneficiaries

300 A 14.2 kg LPG cylinder will now cost ₹603 for Ujjwala beneficiaries. Ahead of elections in five States, the government had cut cooking gas prices by ₹200 per cylinder in late August as well. PTI

The sudden jump in the shares of Adani Enterprises

3 In percentage. Shares of Adani Enterprises Ltd climbed more than 3% after Abu Dhabi conglomerate, the International Holding Company (IHC), raised its stake in the Adani group's flagship firm. PTI

The number of Indian soldiers missing after flash floods

23 The Indian Army said that soldiers were missing after flash floods tore through a valley in Sikkim. They said that the release of water from the Chungthang dam led to a sudden increase in the water level. AFP

Number of people arrested in the drive against child marriage

915 The police are arresting people allegedly involved in child marriages in the second phase of the drive against the practice in Assam. Altogether, 710 cases have been registered. PTI

Annual losses in global infrastructure due to worsening climate

300 in $ billion. The global annual average loss (AAL) in infrastructure due to disasters and climate change stands between $301 and $330 billion. PTI

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The impact of the Bihar caste survey

What has the report found? Which is the largest caste category in the State? Will the findings influence upcoming polls? Will it make a difference in the lives of the poor and marginalised? When will the socio-economic profile be released by the government?

EXPLAINER

Amarnath Tewary

The story so far:

On October 2, the Bihar government published the 'Bihar Caste-based Survey 2022' , which shows that extremely backward classes (EBCs) and other backward classes (OBCs) together add up to nearly 63% of the 13-crore population, making it the largest caste group in the State. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar who belongs to the OBC Kurmi caste (2.87%) and has nursed the EBCs for his political survival, had first raised the demand for a State caste survey in 2019.

How did it come about?

The Bihar legislature unanimously passed a resolution agreeing to a caste census, twice: first on February 18, 2019 and then on February 27, 2020. On August 23, 2021, an all-party delegation, including the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), went to Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to urge him to conduct a caste census in the country. However, when the Union government later said in the Lok Sabha that as a matter of policy it had decided not to enumerate a caste-wise census, the Bihar government in June, 2022 issued notification for conducting a caste survey in the State on its own and subsequently allocated ₹500 crore from its contingency fund for the exercise. The two-phase counting exercise was completed in August this year involving around 2.64 lakh enumerators documenting details of 29 million registered households. All 214 castes mentioned in the survey form were allotted different individual codes and the survey was segmented into 17 points, to find out the socio-economic profile of the population.

What are the outcomes of the survey?

The survey shows that the EBCs with 112 castes comprise the largest chunk of the population in the State with a 36.01% share; with 29 castes and a 27.12% share, the OBCs are the second largest contingent of the population. The Yadavs, with a 14.26% share, is the dominant caste in the OBC group. The Scheduled Castes population is pegged at 19.65% while the number of the general unreserved population is 15.52%.

Much awaited: JD(U) workers celebrate Bihar's caste-based census report, in Patna on October 4. PTI

Will the report lead to an increase in the reservation quota in Bihar?

Yes, the reservation quota will be increased in the State as per the population proportion which has come out in the survey report, said ruling coalition alliance party Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad. *"Jiski jitni bhagedari, utni hissedari* (greater the population, greater the share)," said the ruling grand alliance party leaders, while the Opposition BJP leaders dubbed the survey as an "eye wash" and "fake and faulty". The census report is likely to pave the way for the political demand for doing away with the 50% ceiling on reservation imposed by the Supreme Court. With the general elections just months away, the caste survey of Bihar has impacted the BJP's hopes to electorally cash in on the Women's Reservation Act. The Congress has already demanded there should be OBC reservation within the quota for women. The BJP, which had earlier supported the caste survey in the State, seems to be now caught in a dilemma. Party leaders said they were not opposed to the caste survey but that the report has flaws and irregularities.

Political experts believe that the caste survey report would weaken "hindutva forces" in the upcoming elections in the country and the State as well. "The survey report has triggered a national debate over caste composition and its share and no party can afford to ignore it now," said political expert Nawal Kishore Choudhary in Patna. It will lead to a revival of *mandal versus kamandal* (backward vs forward) politics in the State, said another political expert.

Will this lead to more welfare schemes?

According to experts on the field, the survey report would definitely force political parties to announce and initiate more welfare schemes for the poor and marginalised sections of society. "The OBCs, EBCs, SCs and STs make up 85% of the total population in the State, how can any political party ignore their welfare?" asked political expert Ajay Kumar. The BJP leaders in the State said their party has always been working for the welfare of this section as their Prime Minister himself comes from an OBC group. "Now, it will be difficult for those like Chief Minister Nitish Kumar who had carved out the EBCs from OBCs under his 'social engineering plan' to remain in power unless he gives the EBCs real representation in the government and the Assembly as well," said senior State BJP leaders. Despite being Chief Minister since 2005, the EBCs have been the real "neglected" community and the caste survey report is now going to hugely "impact" State politics, BJP leaders said.

However, ruling coalition party leaders like Mr. Nitish Kumar, RJD chief Lalu Prasad, Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, have said that they would review the welfare schemes announced by the government for the development of the poor and marginalised sections – "what is needed, will definitely be done," they said.

Significantly, the government is yet to release the socio-economic profile of the people surveyed. They have said that it would be released during the upcoming winter session of the State legislature.

THE GIST

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What are the implications of Kevin McCarthy's ouster?

How does the ouster reflect on the deeply divided Republican Party? Who filed the resolution to vacate the position of the Speaker? How many Republicans voted against him?

Narayan Lakshman

The story so far:

The U.S. House of Representatives Speaker, Republican Kevin McCarthy, has been ousted from his senior position in the lower chamber of Congress by hardliners within his party. This brings to an end the saga of Mr. McCarthy's rise within the Republican Party and reveals deep fault lines across it, between those that support former U.S. President Donald Trump and those who adhere to a more traditional vision of political conservativism. While Mr. McCarthy's ambitions have effectively been nullified by this development the episode could have a knock-on effect in terms of Republican prospects for the 2024 presidential election.

How did the ouster happen?

If Kevin McCarthy's ascension to the role of House Speaker was any indication of the resistance to his leadership among the ranks of the Republican Party, his ouster, unprecedented in U.S. history for a Speaker, on Tuesday, would truly not have been a surprise. Close on the heels of the narrow victory of the Republican Party in the House in the November 2022 mid-term election, California Congressman McCarthy waged a dogged campaign to be anointed Speaker, against daunting odds. At the time it was already evident that he faced a deeply divided congressional conservative caucus – it took no less than a whopping 15 voting rounds before he could claim the Speaker's gavel.

A factor beyond the boundaries of the House that adversely impacted his leadership prospects at the time was the Democratic Party's control of the Senate and White House. This placed him in a politically uncomfortable position of choosing between the Scylla of criticism for being a moderate and making deals with Democrats to get the work of the House done, and the Charybdis of dangerous pandering to the extremist House acolytes of Mr. Trump.

Perhaps sensing his positional weakness, Florida Republican and Trump supporter Matt Gaetz relied on a "rarely used procedural tool known as a motion to vacate" to abruptly end Mr. McCarthy's tenure as Speaker. It is ironic that Mr. McCarthy was in the end undone by the very clause that he had conceded to House Republican hardliners as part of the deal to win over their support for his Speaker campaign – an agreement that it would be permissible for a single member of the lower chamber to put forward a motion to remove him from the top post in the House.

In the final reckoning, despite winning the backing of 210 Republicans, Mr. McCarthy was defeated by 216 votes – including eight Republicans and all the House Democrats – and had to vacate his position as Speaker of the Republican majority House.

Why was his leadership in question?

While on the one hand his ouster may appear to be a fraught leadership contest within the House Republican caucus that has exposed unsavoury factionalism, at a deeper level it reflects the divide between Republicans who would go to great lengths to back Mr. Trump, despite the 45th President facing three criminal indictments with several more likely along the way.

For example, the Republican Freedom Caucus, which has played a role in foiling Mr. McCarthy's first campaign for the post of Speaker in 2015, viewed with suspicion the former Speaker's successful negotiation with Democrats to help avoid a U.S. federal government shutdown last weekend.

Similarly, although Mr. McCarthy has staunchly denied it, Mr. Gaetz has alleged that Mr. McCarthy made a "secret side deal" with President Joe Biden, a Democrat, to supply even more funding to Ukraine. Ironically, it was Mr. McCarthy who, around the time of his campaign to gain the Speaker's gavel earlier this year, vowed to end the purported "blank cheque" that the U.S. had given Ukraine in support of its efforts to repel the Russian invasion of its territories. This likely reflects the extent to which Mr. McCarthy had felt torn between making public pronouncements in favour of the loud clamours of the Trump campaign and the need to quietly work in a bipartisan manner to get House bills passed into law.

THE GIST

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INBRIEF

Yearlong events to mark 50 years of State's renaming

To mark 50 years of Mysore State being named Karnataka, the government will hold year-long celebrations from November 1, 2023, till November 1, 2024, under the title "Hesarayitu Karnataka, Usiragali Kannada." Among the plans are the installing of a statue of Goddess Bhuvaneshwari on the premises of Vidhana Soudha and a statue of former Chief Minister Devaraj Urs in Mysuru.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday held a meeting with the Departments of Kannada and Culture and Tourism to discuss the programmes to be held through the year. He suggested that the programmes are designed with the aim to pass on the culture and language of the Karnataka to the youth. Minister for Kannada and Culture Shivaraj Tangadagi said that discussions will also be held with Kannada litterateurs to design a meaningful programme.

Siddaramaiah inaugurates Banjara Bhavan

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday inaugurated Banjara Bhavan built as part of the golden jubilee celebrations of the Karnataka Pradesh Banjara (Lambani) Seva Sangha.

Speaking at the function in Bengaluru, held in collaboration with the Karnataka Tanda Development Corporation, the Chief Minister emphasised the importance of education for the deprived classes. He recalled that it was the Congress government that took the initiative to convert lambani tandas into revenue villages though the BJP government took credit for it, and promised that 5,000 more tandas would be converted into revenue villages. He promised to look into their other demands, including setting up of Sevalal residential school, in phases.

10-member Central team to visit State's drought-hit districts from today

The Karnataka government has declared drought in 195 out of the 236 taluks in the State owing to deficient rainfall during the southwest monsoon

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A file photo of a farmer walking in his dried-up field near Yaragatti village in Belagavi district. As per the Centre's guidelines, Karnataka has 161 taluks suffering from severe drought. Another 34 taluks have moderate drought.

A 10-member inter-ministerial central team (IMCT) led by Ajeet Kumar Sahu, IAS, Joint Secretary, Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, will visit 13 drought-hit districts of Karnataka for a four-day visit from Thursday to assess the drought situation across the State.

The team members, sub-divided into three groups, will visit Belagavi, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Dharwad, Gadag, Koppal, Ballari, Vijayanagara, Chickballapur, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, Davanagere, and Bengaluru Rural districts of Karnataka.

On the final day, the team members would hold talks with senior officials and Ministers concerned in Bengaluru, according to a programme list released by the government.

In 195 taluks

The State government has declared drought in 195 taluks out of 236 taluks in the State owing to deficit rainfall during the southwest monsoon. As per the Centre's guidelines, Karnataka has 161 taluks suffering from severe drought. Another 34 taluks have moderate drought.

The overall loss caused by drought in the State has been estimated at ₹30,432 crore.

According to the memorandum submitted to the Centre, the total estimated loss caused to agricultural crops is pegged at ₹27,867.17 crore and horticulture crops at ₹2,565.7 crore. The government has decided to seek relief of ₹4,860.13 crore from the Centre.

Relief from Centre

As per NDRF norms, Karnataka can claim ₹3824.67 crore for agricultural crop loss and ₹206.39 crore for horticultural crop loss.

The government is seeking ₹126.36 crore to set up 624 fodder banks, ₹104.33 crore for 195 cattle centres, ₹25 crore to provide nutritious food, ₹50 crore for fodder-seeds supply, ₹284.4 crore for drinking water supply in rural areas for 180 days and ₹213.98 crore for the same in urban areas.

In August, Karnataka had urged the Union government to bring changes to the Manual for Drought Management 2016 (updated in 2020) for the declaration of drought by States. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had said it is necessary to have different parameters to declare drought in 14 agro-climatic zones in Karnataka in the light of dire situation caused by erratic weather conditions propelled by climate change.

More work days

Owing to the drought, the government has already proposed to extend the working days of MGNREGA workers from 100 to 150.

Centre to HC: No changed circumstance to re-examine blocking orders on X

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The Union government on Wednesday told the High Court of Karnataka that there is no changed circumstance for re-examining the blocking orders passed to block objectionable posts and accounts on the micro blogging platform, X (formerly Twitter) under the Information Technology Act, 2000.

A submission in this regard was made on behalf of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology before a Division Bench comprising Justice G. Narendar and Justice Vijaykumar A. Patil during the hearing of an appeal filed by X Corp, which owns X. The appeal was filed challenging the single judge's June 30 verdict of upholding the blocking orders passed by the competent authority of the Ministry.

The Bench, during an earlier hearing on the appeal, had orally asked the Ministry whether the competent authority would re-examine the blocking orders after X's advocate had made a proposal that the competent authority can re-examine the blocking orders as "no reasons" for blocking were given or communicated to X.

While adjourning hearing, the Bench indicated that it would examine the issue raised by X of whether the reasons for blocking orders passed by the competent authority are required to be communicated to the micro blogging platform and the account holders.

The single judge had rejected the contention of X that "no reasons" were given by the competent authority for blocking orders while observing that "no reasonable person in the trade would agree with the contention of X that, reasons for being impugned are lacking.

Raids condemned

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BENGALURU

Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) has condemned the raids conducted on houses of journalists and others associated with the news portal NewsClick.

K. Uma, State Secretary, Karnataka, said the BJP government had refused to give any explanation on this act of the police. "This fresh incursion reaffirms the truth that freedom of expression is under grave threat in the fascist autocratic rule of the BJP," she said in a release.

Congress MLA opposes liquor shops in villages

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

B.R. Patil

Senior Congress MLA B.R. Patil's opposition to the State government's controversial proposal to grant licences to set up liquor shops in rural areas and the remark that, "The government should not run with poor peoples' money," is likely to provide a spark for renewal of an anti-liquor agitation.

Mr. Patil has questioned the government's proposal on granting licences for setting up liquor shops in gram panchayat (GP) limits with more than 3,000 population across the State.

Mr. Patil, who has been leading the campaign to ban liquor by introducing stringent laws to ensure de-addiction, has said there was a need to amend the excise laws in the State. "It is not correct to run the government with the money of the poor people," he said.

Like Bihar govt.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Patil said the government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah should introduce a law based on the legislature measure adopted by the Bihar government led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The Bihar government has imposed prohibition since April 2016.

Mr. Patil, who was one of the legislators questioning the functioning of the Ministers in the Congress government and non-release of funds for development works a couple of months ago, said many legislators have opposed the sale of liquor in stores in villages. The government drive to mobilise ₹36,000 crore revenue from the Excise Department would ruin the living conditions of families in rural areas, he claimed.

Mr. Patil, who was first elected to the Assembly in 1983 from Aland in Kalaburagi, said that an increasing number of youth are succumbing to addiction following widespread availability of liquor. Though prohibition was not 100% successful in states that imposed a ban, the evaluation studies on prohibition in Bihar have mentioned reduced domestic violence, road accidents, hospital admission, and violence, he stressed.

'Ban won't help'

Only a few states such as Gujarat, Bihar, Nagaland and Mizoram have imposed prohibition. The Karnataka government has claimed that the prohibition failed in states largely owing to increased smuggling, manufacture of spurious liquor, an increase in other forms of substance abuse and loss of revenue to the State. Gujarat and Bihar had witnessed sporadic incidents of hooch tragedies.

According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) for 2019-2021, 23.1% of men consume alcohol in Karnataka which is higher than the national average of 22%.

BJP instigates violence: Ramalinga Reddy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ramalinga Reddy

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Wednesday accused the Opposition BJP and its workers of indulging in "troublesome acts in disguise" and alleged that they instigate communal violence in the State.

The Minister was making a statement in connection with violence during a religious procession at Ragi Gudda area in Shivamogga on Sunday last. Mr. Reddy's statements received a sharp reaction from the BJP, whose leaders have termed it an attempt at covering up the government's failures.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Reddy said, "BJP, when not in power, indulges in creating nuisance and rifts, instigating communal violence, and false propaganda against the Congress. This has been their practice since the beginning." The Congress Minister alleged that while in power, the BJP supports moral policing, fomenting tension, and they are behind incidents of assaults and communal violence. "BJP workers in disguise, by changing their appearance and name, indulge in mischief. It is their nature," Mr. Reddy claimed.

'Appeasement politics'

Meanwhile, the BJP has accused the Congress of indulging in appeasement of a particular community that has prompted untoward incidents in Shivamogga.

"Instead of putting the accused persons behind bars, the Minister was giving them a clean chit," said former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Several BJP leaders took exception to Mr. Reddy's statement and sought his apology.

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सं. आरओ केए-32.0011.0/44/2023-कांन-रो केए दिनांक: 04.10.2023
No. RO KA-32.0011.0/44/2023-CON-RO KA Date: 04.10.2023
ई-निविदा सूचना / e-Tender Notice
जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से दो बोली प्रणाली के तहत, दो वर्ष हेतु 1) एफएसडी गडीकोप्पा और 2) एफएसडी तवेरेकोप्पा में एचटीसी के लिए ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जा रही है । एनआईटी और निविदा प्रपत्र www.fci.gov.in और "https://gem..gov.in" पर उपलब्ध हैं। ऑनलाइन बोलियां 16.10.2023 को अपराहन 02:00 बजे तक प्रस्तुत की जानी हैं। पंजीकरण, प्रशिक्षण और बोलियों को ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने के लिए, निविदाकारों को "https://gem..gov.in" पर देखने का अनुरोध किया जाता है ।
Online Tenders for regular 1) HTC at FSD Gadikoppa & 2) HTC at FSD Tavarekoppa for two years is invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM portal. NIT and tender forms are available in "www.fci.gov.in" & "https://gem.gov.in". Bid should be submitted online within 2.00 PM on 16.10.2023. For registration, training and submitting bids online, tenderers are requested to visit https://gem.gov.in.
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GENERAL MANAGER (Region)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BOLANGIR.
e - Procurement NOTICE

1.	Name of Work	: Construction of Model 120 seated ST Girls Hostel at Govt. SSD High School, Rampur of Agalpur Block in the district of Bolangir for the year 2023-24
2.	No. of Works	: 1 (One) work.
3.	Time for Completion	: 11 (Eleven) calendar months
4.	Approximate Estimated Cost	: Rs.232.90 lakhs
5.	Mode of Submission of tender	: Tender should be submitted online in www.tendersodisha.gov.in
6.	Other details are as follow	:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir.	BLGR-Online-28/2023-24	09.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	26.10.2023 upto 5.00 P.M.	25.10.2023 upto 5.00 P.M.	27.10.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated later on

- Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in
- Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e tender website only.

Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir
O-1195 : OIPR-25118/11/0046/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR
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At:-Ambapua, Po:-Engineering School Near Income Tax Office, Berhampur-760011
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. Online Tender / 61-2023-24/BPR

Identification No.	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Online Tender / 61-2023-24/ BPR	Bridge Works (BSY) for 2023-24	05 Nos	From Rs. 310.99 Lakhs to Rs. 695.63 Lakhs	"A" Class & "Special" Class as applicable	11 (Eleven) 12 (Twelve) & 18 (Eighteen) Calendar Month as provided

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur.	Online Tender / 61-2023-24 / BPR	09.10.2023 at 10.00 A.M.	25.10.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.

(i) EMD / Bid Security, Cost of Bid document is to be transferred through Online as per the procedure mentioned in the DTCN.
(ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for rejection of his tender.
Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website : - www.tendersodisha.gov.in
Sd/- P.K.Jena, Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Berhampur
O-1192 : OIPR-25071/11/0065/2324

Government of Odisha - "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
Bid Identification No.C.C.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 37 / 2023-24
e-mail : ccekeonjharpwdcircle@gmail.com / sekcpwd_keonjhar@yahoo.com
Letter No.5338, dt.27.09.2023

1. No of the work	:- 2 number Building Works.
2. Estimated cost	:- Rs.106.89 Lakhs to Rs.161.16 Lakhs.
3. Class of Contractor	:- "B" & "A" Class
4. Period of completion	:- 06 (Six) Calendar Months
5. Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	:- From 11.00 Hours of 05.10.2023 to 16.00 Hours of 18.10.2023.
6. Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal	:- 16.00 Hours of 18.10.2023
7. Date of opening of Bid from Portal	:- 11.30 Hours on 19.10.2023
8. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	:- Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://tendersodisha.gov.in"
B-1007: Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar.
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(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
ERNAKULAM JUNCTION
TENDER NOTICE No. 21-CE-CN-ERS-2023-OT
DATED: 26.09.2023
Name of Work: Construction of Bridge, Nos: EAK 10, EAK 17 and EAK-31 Between Ernakulam - Turavur Stations; Tender Value : ₹ 18019.65 Lakhs; Bid Security : ₹ 91,59,800/-; Completion Period: 24 Months; Date and time of tender closing: 31.10.2023; Complete details & tender document will be available at https://www.ireps.gov.in
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(Office: Chief Engineer/ P&M, PSPCL, Ludhiana)
CIN : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-61158)
Tender Enquiry no. 05/CE/P&M /2023 Dated:04-10-2023
CE/P&M, PSPCL, Ludhiana invites e-Tender for Manufacturing, Testing, Supply & Delivery of 5 No. 5 Ton Truck Mounted Hydraulic Loader as per PSPCL Specifications. For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 05.10.2023 from 12:00 hrs onwards
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
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Central Offices: K.H. Road, Shantinagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
No: BMTC/CO/COSP/TENDER/08/2023-24 Date: 04.10.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender is invited through KPPP portal for the following items:

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Last date for bid submission in KPPP portal
Regular Tender			
1	BMTC/2023-24/ SE0150	Engaging Goods Transport Agency for to & fro transportation of stores materials from Central Stores to Depots of BMTC.	18.10.2023 @14.30Hrs.
Short Term Tender			
2	BMTC/2023-24/ SE0149	Reconditioning of Engine Components	11.10.2023 @14.30Hrs.

*For more details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- CONTROLLER OF STORES AND PURCHASES (Tender Inviting Authority)

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

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Age 59 (Ex SBI)
Passed away on 03.10.2023
Last Rites on 05.10.2023 @ 10.30 am.
Deeply mourned by
R.Radhakrishnan (Ex. Air India)
R.Rajgopal, Akshaya, R.Shweta, Sharath, Avira, Samhit
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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

6TH ANNIVERSARY

P.RAJADURAI
M.A.MPhil.Phd.
Retired Principal
S.B.K.College, Arupukottai
Expired on 05.10.2017
Fondly Remembered by:-
Dr.R.Arunmozhimaran M.S.Ortho & Family

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- Praseetha Prasad
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- Prasad Kumar

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Same tale, different forms: The Wayang kulit is a shadow puppet show that has the puppets enact scenes from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A retelling of the Mahabharata through the paintings of Allah Baksh

Alok Bhalla and Chandra Prakash Deval, through their four-volume book, try to unravel the mystery behind the man who illustrated the epic with 4,000 paintings, done in the Mewari miniature style, which is now with the Government Museum in Udaipur

Ziya Us Salam

The precipice of history is a delightful space; it's like being away from the crowd with no fear of self-abnegation or public scrutiny. It is this precipice that Allah Baksh invested with much energy and not a little devotion. Far away from the world of Aurangzeb and his self-deluding battles in 17th century Deccan, Allah Baksh chiselled his art in the relative anonymity of Mewar. Employed by Raja Jai Singh of Udaipur, Baksh would sit with an epic that's changed a million lives. He would scour the letter and spirit of the Mahabharata; surely there was more, much more to the book than Krishna's sermon to Arjun.

Inspired by the hues of the sun saying goodbye to the day spent giving life to men and women, beasts and birds, Baksh reproduced each colour on sheets of paper. Then he invested it with a personality, adding to each figure a story. Thus started the retelling of the Mahabharata; each colour, each stroke was invested with a meaning; some registered with the common man, much was reserved for the discerning or the devout.

'Timeless paintings'

As each painting, done in Mewari miniature style, began to be appreciated, many wondered who was Allah Baksh. To a world which divides deities, the name added to the mystery. Among those enamoured with the paintings, and curious about the painter, were Alok Bhalla and Chandra Prakash Deval. The two studied the timeless paintings, went to Mubarak Hussain, former curator of the Government Museum in Udaipur who agreed to let them look through the museum's 4,000 paintings about the epic. Yet at the end, they were no wiser about Allah Baksh, a man who spoke through his art but happily hid the artist. It did lead to a wonderfully produced, richly embellished four-volume, *The Mahabharata: Mewari Miniature Paintings* by Allah Baksh (Niyogi Books).

Bhalla and Deval admit in the first volume, "We know nothing about Allah Baksh except for an inconspicuous signature, in the lower corner of the illustration for section 52 of the Bhishma Parva, which tells us that the chitrakaar is Allah Baksh. The signature, however, deepens the shadow of anonymity which surrounds the name Allah Baksh. We are astonished by the humility of the man and by his confidence. It is not, he seems to suggest, the business of an artist to reveal himself; his only duty is to be 'the priest of beauty' who finds joy in the concert of colours he has been privileged to see and record."

As we turn the pages of the books which are a wonderful visual treat backed by words of substance, and suitable captions in Hindi and English, we find Baksh's lines sharp, his colours vibrant and "the space of every painting, suffused with light". This space is filled with birds and animals, rivers and trees, gods and demons. Of course, there are inevitable life lessons too. For instance, in the fourth volume, the writers while talking of *Ashwamedha Parva* mention a lesson which resonates even today. "The priest continued, 'A ruler who does not keep his promise because he is afraid or greedy goes to hell.' In the east, there was a ruler named Harishchandra who sold his wife and son and installed Vishwamitra as the ruler so that he could keep his promise. He even took away the clothes of his son." Talking of a ruler, back in the 16th century, Abul Fazl had reiterated the Mahabharata's relevance to a king, stating that the book contained "advice, guidance, stories and descriptions of war and feasting" or more concisely, kingship.

Incidentally, it is here that Bhalla writes with clarity, stating, "For the paintings of the Ashwamedha Parva, Allah Baksh turns away from the sublimity of Vyasa's epic and illustrates Jaimini's more folklore and less heroic text.... Jaimini's version was popular during the retellings of the Mahabharata at the local and courtly gatherings in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Jaimini's narrative was also a source for Akbar's painters when they created the illuminated *Razmnamah* for the Mughal court."

Sanskrit to Persian

The talk of *Razmnamah*, the Persian translation of the Mahabharata, brings us to the constant attention to translation and even visual narration of Hindu epics during the Mughal age.

It was the age when the Mahabharata, the Ramayana, the Upanishads were all translated and scholars and artists of repute were hired to bring the sacred books to the language of the day, Persian. As Audrey Truschke writes in *Culture of Encounters: Sanskrit at the Mughal Court*, "In the 1580s, Emperor Akbar ordered the translation of the Sanskrit Mahabharata into Persian. The Mughals took up the Mahabharata as part of a larger translation movement.

In 1575, three successive translators failed to provide a Persian Atharva Veda. Around the same time, literati authored two Persian retellings of the Simhasana-dvatrimsika, a popular collection of Sanskrit stories." Then Jahangir commissioned a translation of Yogavasistha. So, the movement went on. And there was Allah Baksh giving a visual dimension to the Mahabharata between 1680 and 1698 which happened to coincide with the reign of Emperor Aurangzeb.

It brings us to a question: What was so special about the Mahabharata that a Muslim king ordered its translation and a Muslim artist painted its lessons? The answer lies in reading the epic, enjoying the visual feast of Bhalla and Deval's books, and understanding that some books transcend history.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On October 5, 1962, *Dr. No*, the first film of the James Bond series, was released in the United Kingdom. A quiz on the film series based on the books written by Ian Fleming

Joan Sony Cherian

QUESTION 1
While *Dr. No* was the first ever Bond novel to be adapted to film, which was the first novel in the series?

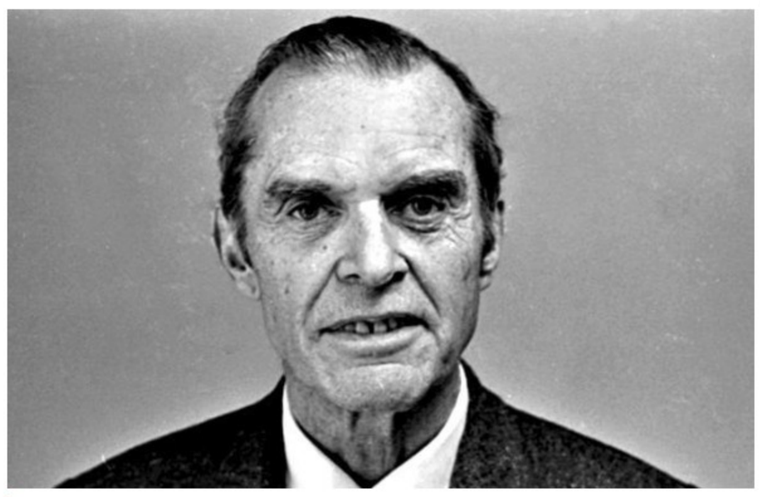
QUESTION 2
You Only Live Twice was the fifth film in the James Bond series. It was one of the first Bond films which actively ignored most of the original plot of the book. Which famous author wrote the script of this film?

QUESTION 3
In 1983, two rival Bond films were released. This sensation is now referred to by the term 'Battle of the Bonds'. Name the two films.

QUESTION 4
This actor played the role of James Bond in just one film. Name him and the film.

QUESTION 5
The film series is also known for its iconic Bond villains and Bond girls. However, in this film, the villain is a Bond girl (a Bond villainess, if you will). Name her and the film.

QUESTION 6
Every fan knows James Bond's famous martini order — 'shaken not stirred'. However, which beverage does the MI6 spy absolutely hate?



Visual question:
Identify this man and the connection he has with the James Bond series. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This is the official animal of Guwahati. **Ans: Ganges River Dolphin**
2. This large animal survives in the wild only in India and can be found on the state emblem. **Ans: Asiatic Lion**
3. This is India's national reptile. It is the sole member of the genes Ophiophagus. **Ans: King Cobra**
4. This is the smallest and fastest of all apes and is found in north-east India. **Ans: Hoolock Gibbons**
5. The tiger has adapted to live in a mangrove ecosystem in this area. **Ans: Sundarbans**
Visual: It is because of this man that we celebrate World Animal Day. **Ans: St. Francis of Assisi**
Early Birds: Kaustubh Rana| Jagrati Shukla| Atul Gaur| Jahnavi Taak| Debarati Kar|

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Mr A. Mark, School Assistant, M. S. Junior College, Gooty, wants to know the meaning of 'to eat crow'."

" 'To eat crow' means to be forced to do something extremely distasteful and humiliating. The expression is of American origin. In the Anglo-American war of 1812-1814, an American soldier crossed the British lines and killed a crow for sport. A British officer charged the American soldier with trespass and forced him at gunpoint to eat a bit of the dead crow. After he was released, the American soldier turned his gun on the British officer and forced him to eat the remainder of the crow. This is the story behind the idiom.

The party didn't win the elections in the State. Some who had said that it would definitely win had to eat crow."

"Sir, Mr. K. Venkataraman, PG Assistant in Commerce, Ponnagaram, wants to know the difference between 'produce' and 'manufacture'."

" 'Produce' means 'to create something by making, manufacturing, growing, etc'.

Maruti cars are produced in India.

They don't produce rice in this area.

It is not easy to produce a work of art.

What is produced may be 'through human or national agency'. 'Manufacture' emphasises 'the making of something by labour, especially machinery'. It involves some process by which raw materials are transformed into something.

They manufacture cars.

'Manufacture' implies machinery. When you use it figuratively, it means 'to invent', 'fabricate'.

He manufactured an excuse to get out of the awkward situation.

She manufactured a story to get away from the police.

You can produce something in a natural way or with the help of machinery. But when you manufacture something, you manufacture with the help of machinery."

"Sir, Mr. Y. Ramana, Panchayat Colony, Uravakonda, wants to know how to pronounce the word 'hymn'."

"It is pronounced like the word 'him'. The final 'n' in 'hymn' is silent."

"Sir, what's the difference between 'He left on Sunday' and 'He left on a Sunday?"

" 'He left on Sunday' means that you are referring to a particular Sunday. The context would tell others what Sunday it was. 'He left on a Sunday' means that he left on some Sunday. You want to emphasise that he did not leave on any other day of the week.

I will so arrange my trip that I'll arrive at your place on a Sunday.

I think the accident took place on a Monday."

"Sir, Mr. N. Pratabhan, Alagusudaram Nagar, Pykara, wants to know the meaning of the idiom 'Many a mickle makes a muckle'."

"The correct idiom is 'Many a little makes a mickle'. This is a Scottish proverb. 'Mickle' means 'much,' 'great.' It means that a lot of small things contribute to something big. Little drops of water make a mighty ocean. Another version of the idiom is 'Many a pickle makes a mickle.' 'Pickle' in Scottish means 'a small quantity or amount'."

Published in The Hindu on August 1, 1989.

Word of the day

Grovel:
Show submission or fear

Synonyms: cower, creep, cringe

Usage: *He has to go now and grovel to get his job back.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/grovelpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: / ˈgrʌv əl, ˈgrɒv- /

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A day to celebrate the birds in Bengaluru

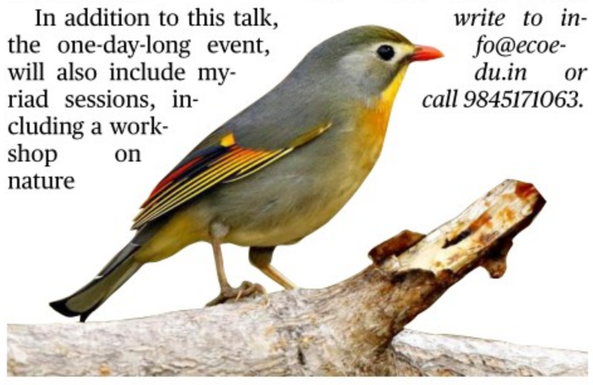
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On October 7th this year, the city's birdwatchers will come together to celebrate Bengaluru Bird Day, the 9th edition of this annual event that was kickstarted in 2014 to remember noted birdwatcher, Dr. Joseph George. A pioneer of group birdwatching activities, Dr. George began an informal bird-watching group in Bengaluru in 1972, playing a vital role in popularising the practice in the city.

To celebrate his legacy, noted conservation biologist Dr. K. S. Gopi Sundar will deliver the Dr. Joseph George Memorial Talk this year. Dr. Sundar, who is known for his work on waterbirds and wetlands, is delivering a lecture titled *The Ways of the Sarus Cranes, or why North Indian Farmlands are Great Bird Habitats.*

In addition to this talk, the one-day-long event, will also include myriad sessions, including a workshop on nature journaling, a talk on the avian perspective by a wildlife hospital in the city, introduction to a new nature notes platform and an open bird quiz titled Bird Brain.

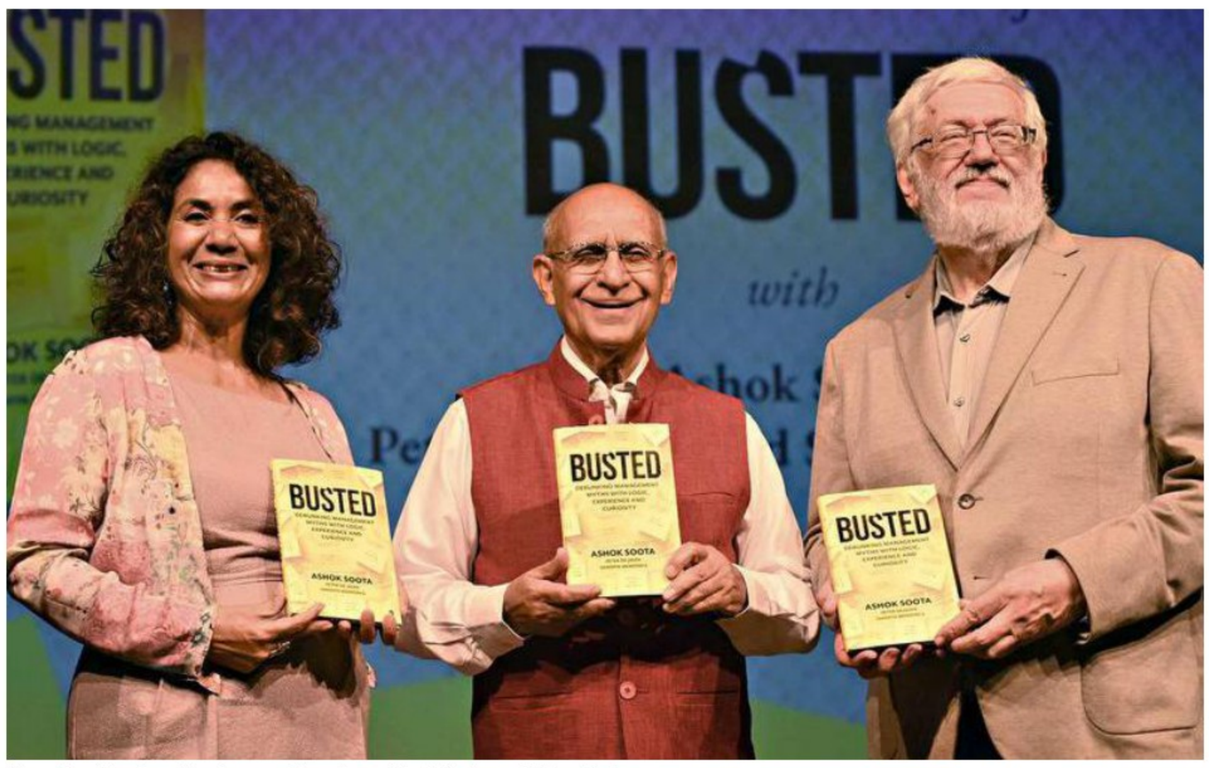
The event, which will be held at the BV Jagadeesh Science Centre, National College Jayanagar between 9 and 5.30 p.m. is open to all. For more details write to info@ecoe-du.in or call 9845171063.



Old management truisms may be revised or busted in a rapidly changing world: Ashok Soota

'If a leader genuinely thinks of and acts towards his team as his family, there can be no feeling of loneliness at the top'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU



Co-author Sandhya Mendonca with authors Ashok Soota and Peter De Jager.

There are aphorisms galore in management circles -- It's lonely at the top; if it ain't broke, don't fix it; people leave people, not organisations... and so on -- that are often accepted as undisputed truths. But these are explored, analysed, and busted in the recent book by serial entrepreneur and tech industry veteran Ashok Soota and Peter De Jager, speaker, writer, and consultant on change management, and co-authored by Sandhya Mendonca, a journalist-turned-author.

Busted: Debunking Management Myths With Logic, Experience, and Curiosity questions the relevance of several management truisms and debates if they are just myths that need to be examined or principles that still hold good in today's rapidly-changing world.

The book also carries a disclaimer of sorts that there is a core of truth in these management truisms and questioning the wisdom of management gurus is not the aim of this book. Yet, it insists it is worth exploring other and newer point of views.

Problems in 'brotopia'

In the opening chapter titled Culture eats strategy for breakfast, Mr. Soota, who co-founded Mindtree (which was later acquired by L&T), Happiest Minds, and other ventures in the health space, says, "In recent years, we have witnessed the adverse impact of negative cultures in high profile companies such as poor governance in Enron and Satyam Computers.'' The macho culture or "brotopia" which predominated Uber till the advent of Dara Khosrowshahi, is also prevalent in many Silicon Valley companies, he says. Thus it was not surprising that interest in the belief "culture eats strategy for breakfast" has revived.

On Micheal Porter's principle "The Essence of Strategy is choosing what not to do", Soota writes, "There is no doubt that strategy requires constant and prolonged focus, and demands that we learn to say `no' to new ideas, to protect us from a world of possible distractions.

Jack Welch did not prevent him from saying 'yes' to other business opportunities which eventually led General Electric (GE) to a diverse conglomerate that spanned from aircraft engines, medical equipment, and many other realms. However, Bill Gates in a way said `no' to developing Android, despite being a world leader in operating systems (OS). He later admitted that was his biggest mistake, that he didn't expand his strategic vision and compete effectively and thus completely missed the exploding OS market for mobile phones, where Google became a dominant force. Soota explains, "So the errors of omission are far costlier than errors of commission, in terms of opportunity cost."

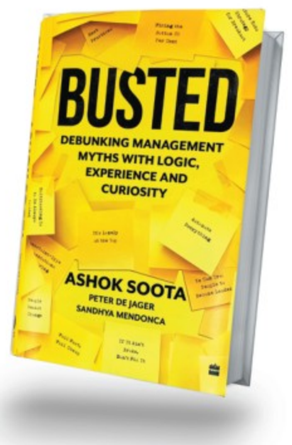
Even changing focus is accepted, when the whole world, times and concept of 'focus' itself changes, he says, "Organisations are entering territories that have been dominated by others. For instance, Google's entry into operating systems with Android and Microsoft's entry into search engine with Bing.''

No need for trade-off

Therefore, Mr. Soota concludes entry into the new business does not require a trade-off and you need not say no to other opportunities. The cost of errors of omission is higher than the errors of commission. The latter can be rectified, or course-corrected, while in the former, you don't even know what opportunity was lost, he cautions.

Should leaders be lonely at the top? On this Mr. Soota firmly says that they need not be, adding that he has not felt it. But when he did feel lonely, he simply decided to leave (as he left MindTree). "If a leader genuinely thinks of and acts towards his team as his family, then again there can be no feeling of loneliness. In fact, far from being lonely, I have experienced a glow of warmth, affection, pride, and gratitude from the teams I have led, for decades,' the industry leader narrates.

According to him, the reason for loneliness rests on the premise of the "boss-subordinate" prism. It assumes that there is a gap in the relationship between the CEO and the rest. This gap creates loneliness. "I emphasise that the key to avoiding or overcoming the feeling of loneliness is to always be in touch with the team,'' advises Mr. Soota, based on his several decades-long experience in consulting with organisations across sectors, cultures and continents.



"Let's begin with the selective reporting that perpetuates the image of a lonely leader. Much has been made of Tim Cook's words that his job as the CEO of Apple was 'lonely'. But as Cook went on to say, 'I'm not looking for any sympathy; CEOs don't need any sympathy," he writes.

What would be of immense help in times of crisis is a supportive network: family, friends, peer group, and yes, perhaps, a coach. Apple CEO Tim Cook has talked about the importance of seeking out advice. He has turned to Warren Buffett for business advice, and Anderson Cooper for guidance before disclosing that he was gay, points out Mr. Soota. Expressing gratitude, developing a mutual learning mindset, and building a support network are among Mr. Soota's top tips for leaders who feel lonely at the top.According to Mr. Soota, one of the strangest myths the writers come across is "Fail fast, fail cheap", because it is contrary to the spirit of entrepreneurship, which requires persistence, resilience, and courage. Also, one should never start a business with the thought of failure, but if it turns out to be unviable, it is better to cut losses, he says.

Multitasking challenges

Writing about the principle "Multitasking is to be always avoided," he says the virtual world presents an enormous opportunity to improve efficiency and productivity by multitasking. However, the challenge is to be effectively engaged with all activities simultaneously. Multitasking works better in the personal world as well, he says.

On the belief that "People leave people, not organisations", author Mr. Soota says people will leave despite good relationships with their managers, leadership, robust HR practices, and an excellent culture. Also, if toxic managers are contributing to attrition, it is best to show them the door. Ultimately, no organisation can stop people from leaving, but it can have a check on who is leaving and try to retain a talent that has potential to become a future leader.

Fix process first

Mr. Jager too explores many of these management mantras. In "Automate Everything", he suggests that one should never automate a chaotic process. Fix the process first. Automating smaller segments in the process might yield better results. Also, a key thing to remember is: never to automate something today that will be obsolete tomorrow, he suggests

Busted is dedicated to the curious, hopeful, and self-motivated readers who seek to build value for themselves and their organisations, say the authors in the event.

A cartoon exhibition that underscores the importance of trees to human beings

The tree toons were inspired by the Green India Challenge, a tree-planting initiative started by J. Santosh Kumar, a Rajya Sabha member

Preeti Zachariah
BENGALURU

The cartoons show how the tree is important to a human being.

It is a riff on a familiar image—the human evolution timeline—capturing man's progress from primate to man. In Mr. Chiluveru Mrityunjay's cartoon, one of the many which forms part of his repertoire of tree sketches, however, the timeline appears to be reversed. We see an evolved Homo Sapien reverting back to his primordial form, becoming a large ape holding an axe and crouching beside a tree, all ready to cut it. Cutting trees, in Mr. Mrityunjay's head, is clearly very regressive behaviour.

"The cartoons show how the tree is important to a human being," agrees Mr. Mrityunjay, a staff cartoonist working in *Namaste Telangana*, who will be exhibiting some of his cartoons about trees at the Indian Institute of Cartoonists this month. "I drew to create awareness among the public about tree plantation," says a Hyderabad-based political cartoonist, who hand-drew these sketches and digitally coloured them. "These cartoons on trees pumped more oxygen and excitement in me."

The tree toons were inspired by the Green India Challenge, a tree-planting initiative started by J. Santosh Kumar, a Rajya Sabha MP from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), back in 2018. Mr. Mrityunjay says that he took 8 months to draw 200 cartoons, which were recently published in a coffee table book *Haritha Haasam.* " "80 cartoons among those will be displayed at the exhibition," says the cartoonist, adding that he took the time to create these cartoons amidst his daily political cartoons and caricatures. "Drawing all these (tree) cartoons took me out for a picnic," states the cartoonist and social activist, whose cartoons usually focus on social issues such as hunger, poverty, corruption, natural disasters and sectarian strife.

Chiluveru Mrityunjay

Chiluveru Mrityunjay grew up in a small village, Bhoodan Pochampally, about 80 kms away from Mysore, and began drawing political cartoons at the age of twenty.

About the artist

His father, the late Ch Ramalingam was a handloom artisan who used to weave the portraits of political personalities on cloth. "Now I am doing portraits of political personalities on a digital pad," says the artist, who—in a previous interview with this newspaper—admitted that he especially likes the black-and-white portraits of the American cartoonist, Albert Hirschfeld. On future plans, Mr. Mrityunjay, who has been working with *Namaste Telangana* for the past twelve years and is best known for his political cartoons drawn during the Telangana movement, says, "All I have to do is draw cartoons. I am working on political cartoons of contemporary issues."

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 5, 1973

Mysore Bill: Centre seeks clarification

New Delhi, Oct. 4: The Union Law Ministry, which is now scrutinizing the Mysore Land Reforms Bill, has sought clarifications on some of the provisions from the State Government that it will take a few more days before the Bill is assented to by the President. Official circles here were surprised by reports that delay in President's assent had upset the State Government's schedule to bring the Bill into force on Gandhi Jayanthi day. According to them, the Home Ministry had not received any communication from the State Government about such an intention.

It is gathered that the Bill was cleared by the Agriculture Ministry in the third week of September and the Home Ministry had sent it to the Law Ministry along with the comments of the Agriculture Ministry and the Banking Department of the Finance Ministry on the various provisions. The Law Ministry felt on scrutinizing the Bill that some of the provisions needed clarifications. The State Government has been told about this and the clarifications are awaited.

Once the Law Ministry clears it, the Bill will be scrutinized by the Home Ministry before it is presented to the President for his assent.

A large number of petitions and memoranda have been received by the Centre against some of the provisions from different sections of the people.

A delegation headed by Sri Shantaveera Swamiji of Kolada Mutt and comprising representatives of different religious institutions had met the President and the Prime Minister and urged reconsideration on the Bill on the ground that religious institutions would have to close down their social welfare activities if the Bill became law.

CITYBEATS

Hill top echoes

OCTOBER 8, 6PM
The Indian Music Experience Musuem, Bengaluru presents *Summersalt - Music from Khasi Hills*. The band which is based out of Shillong, is known for its folk-fusion identity. The musicians believe in cultural and social coexistence, and preserving traditional identities.
At The Indian Music Experience Musuem, JP Nagar

Food express chug-along

ON GOING
Platform 65 has launched its 11th restaurant, in Bengaluru. Platform 65 is a train-themed restaurant where your dishes comes to you chugging on a toy train. Its first outlet was launched 2019. Platform 65 focuses on providing experience-based dining and the menu served is multi-cuisine.
At Rajarajeshwari Nagar

Pets' day out

OCTOBER 8, 3PM
Hilton Bangalore Embassy GolfLinks is hosting a Pet Sundowner Extravaganza. Here, your little one will get access to a pool, treats and other furry friends. The event also provides a menu for pet parents with treats such as kebabs, chicken salads, heavenly gelato, mocktails, and more.
At Hilton Bangalore Embassy GolfLinks, Call 8050353003.

GIG GUIDE

Melody and metal on the market

This weekend Bengalureans have a slew of musical options to choose from...

Anurag Tagat

Bryden & Parth
October 6, 8 pm onwards GYLT, Hennur
Tickets: ₹499, via Skillbox, plus ₹800 cover charge at the door

On the back of launching their debut album *Chameleon World*, composer duo Bryden & Parth have mounted a countrywide tour to perform the album.

With guitarist and vocalist Bryden Lewis and flautist and saxophonist Parth Chandiramani at the helm, they will be joined by vocalist and singer-songwriter Shruti Dhasmana, vocalist-percussionist Jimmy Francis John, bassist Osi Gomango, drummer Liben Toms, keyboardist Siddhart Kamath and percussionist Anthony Kamal.

Expect their multilingual take on fusion with plenty of other genres thrown in the mix, from progressive rock to Afro to funk, soul and pop, including songs like 'Rain Chant,' 'Yeh Aawaaz' and more.

Blend Bazaar 2023
October 7 and 8, 11 am onwards Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru, Thanisandra
Tickets: ₹599 (per day, per person) via Insider.in

Bolstered by the creator community, the two-day festival Blend Bazaar includes plenty of music across hip-hop, R&B and electronic music coming to town this weekend at Bhartiya City Mall. Everyone from Delhi hip-hop duo Seedhe Maut to soul/pop/electronic artist Kayan and EDM artistes such as Lost Stories, Gurbax, Answer and more feature on the lineup alongside Bebbetta, Akhlad Ahmed, Zehen and Sharnea.

Seedhe Maut says Blend Bazaar celebrates the underground music scene, so they're coming in to match that vibe. The duo Calm and Encore ABJ add, "We believe in using our music to address real issues and connect with our audience on a deeper level. So, you can expect us to perform tracks that touch on relevant social and cultural topics."

Kayan's goal as part of her DJ set is to keep the crowd moving and grooving. "Bangalore holds a special place in my heart as one of my favorite cities to perform in. The anticipation of reuniting with the Bangalore audience, known for their incredible energy, brings a lot of excitement," she adds.

Slaughterfest Vol. 2
October 8, 5 pm onwards White Lotus Superclub, HSR Layout
Tickets: ₹699, via Skillbox

Metal has had a home in the city through thick and thin and new gig series Slaughterfest is keeping it going. Their second edition returns to White Lotus Club in HSR this week, bringing together heavy-hitters and rising bands alike. That includes headline performances by Hyderabad death metal band Godless, Kerala thrash metallers Chaos, Chennai death metal act Moral Putrefaction, technical death metal act Nihilus, and modern metallers Ksetravid with Sapien Error, a progressive metal band hailing from Bengaluru formed by Suryadoy Ghosh.

Samar Mehdi
October 7, 9:30 pm onwards Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala
Tickets: ₹649, via Insider.in, plus ₹500 cover charge at the door

On the heels of performances across the U.K. that saw him build an intimate new audience alongside a committed fanbase, Bhopal singer-songwriter Samar Mehdi goes for a victory lap of sorts in India. The artist, best known for yearning, philosophical songs such as 'Martbaan', 'Raushni' and 'Iltija', Mehdi also came out with a music video for 'Sukoon' at the end of 2022.

Now, there's a six-city tour through October. Mehdi said on social media, "I'm back home and I have no intention of slowing down, especially after discovering new horizons to my music beyond boundaries and languages. It's been life-changing and perspective-refreshing and I absolutely cannot wait to showcase my most recent learnings plus play some new, unreleased music that I have been writing alongside a refreshed take on the music that's already out."

Stories of tea, dupattas, and fond memories

Praveen Sudevan

Nishu Dikshit is one of the thousands, or even millions, in India who get an IT job with their passions lying elsewhere, mostly in art. She has appeared in shows like *Aakhri Sach* on Disney+ Hotstar, *Criminal Justice*, *Mai*, and *Operation MBBS*. She is slated to feature in an upcoming Netflix film, portraying a sportsperson. Her acting journey started in Bengaluru, where she used to work in an IT firm and did theatre part-time.

At one point, she quit her job to pursue theatre exclusively. She produced and acted in plays. She then moved to Mumbai. With theatres shut during the pandemic-induced lockdown, she looked for another artistic outlet.

"I took to writing – I did this mainly to express myself during the lockdown. However, I began to contemplate sharing these stories with others and possibly performing them as well," says Nishu.

The shows, to her delight, were well-received. When she wrote about 10 stories, she noticed a common thread connecting them. "So, I decided to weave them together and created a one-hour solo show."

Thus, *Guchcha: A Collection of Stories* was born. Nishu's storytelling encompasses the rugged terrain of Ghaziabad, the rain-soaked streets of Bagafa (in Tripura), the chaotic energy of Mumbai, and heart-warming tales of friendship forged in Bengaluru.

What sets *Guchcha* apart from a regular storytelling event is Nishu's inventive use of props and elements of costume design that complement each story.

"I incorporated subtle elements of theatre in my storytelling. For instance, there's a noticeable transformation in hairstyles that symbolises the passage of time, taking the character from the age of nine to 30. These hairstyle changes are accompanied by the use of various props scattered around the performance area," she says.

The stories in *Guchcha* encompass a wide range of emotions and experiences. In 'Chiffon,' a chiffon dupatta becomes an unexpected symbol of strength for a girl after a disturbing incident in the rugged streets of Ghaziabad. 'Kitaabein' explores how books carry more than just words and stories. 'Aaghaz 2.0' encourages us not to hesitate when it comes to giving love a second chance.

Guchcha - A Bunch of Original Stories *will be performed on October 6, 7 pm at Shoonya and October 7, 6:30 pm at Lahe Lahe. Tickets on BookMyShow and Insider.*

Waste not, want not

Ruth Dhanaraj

It is no secret we all succumb to the call of consumerism more often than we should and are saddled with far more than we need or know what to do with. As a result, the copious amounts of waste we generate end up on overflowing landfills, weighing down the planet with what could have been avoided.

Detritus by Bengaluru-based Artsforward is a multi-form performance that highlights the implications of "living in a world that is overburdened by what we consume and discard."

Curated by Paramita Saha, a dancer, performer and art manager, *Detritus* combines design, choreography, recorded music, movement and physical expression, in a bid to promote "a lightness of being".

Paramita founded Artsforward in 2010, with the intent to, "design strategic encounters between businesses and artistes to see how we come together as a community in the art management space."

"Everything we do in the creative space has to be executed with great responsibility as both the human and non-human environment is being altered at such an accelerated rate, we cannot keep up. We've set off a number of changes with the way we use natural resources and now waste is being churned out in a manner which is beyond our control," she says.

According to Paramita, it is the not-so-privileged section of society who bear the brunt of these harsh changes. She admits that often the ease of modern life make us complacent and complicit.

Detritus is a multi-form performance that highlights the bane of consumerism

"For instance, plastic is so convenient, cheap and accessible to all, that we stop asking difficult questions about its production and disposal. However, people in the creative sector can engage and inspire people to make the change. My work aims to inspire people to engage with crises in the environmental space," says Paramita, adding that the idea for *Detritus* was born from that need.

The 45-minute performance is followed by an audience interaction which usually lasts for 20 to 25 minutes. "There is live engagement throughout the performance which unfolds in a flat space so the audience and performers are on the same level. It is presented in a way so the audience is a part of what unfolds."

Paramita says at some venues, the time spent on discussing the piece was longer than the performance itself. "People have so many questions and we want this work to be the start of many conversations; people should be able to see this work as a way to approach their own patterns and lifestyle."

"Overall, it is an immersive experience. The show will start on time as everybody will enter the space together – performers and audience alike," she says, adding that in keeping with their mission, "there are no announcements or handouts; people walk into a process that is immersive and intimate at the same time."

Produced by Artsforward, *Detritus* was choreographed by Surjit Nongmeikapam and Prashant More, with Diya Naidu as dramaturg. Karshini Nair wrote the music and the costumes were crafted by The Burlap People.

Over the last year, *Detritus* has been performed around 16 times in Pune, Kolkata, Delhi and Mumbai.

Detritus *will open at the Goethe-Institut/ Max Mueller Bhavan in Bengaluru October 6, 7pm. Ticket details are on Artsforward's insta handle @thestillpt*

This is us The cast working on Detritus by Paramita Saha.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

INBRIEF

Cauvery Water Regulation Committee to meet on Oct. 12

The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) will hold its next meeting on October 12 to take stock of the situation in the Cauvery basin. After the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) upheld on September 29 the CWRC's direction to Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu till October 15, the upper riparian State had announced that it would file a review petition before the Supreme Court and the CWMA.

New recommendations to solve Krishna water row

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a new set of recommendations that it claimed would facilitate the contentious issue of sharing of Krishna river water between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The "further terms of reference", were added to the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II, a statutory body set up by the Centre to adjudicate between the States to fairly distribute water. The recommendations came after the T.S. government complained about certain clauses in the agreement, under the Inter State Water Disputes Act in 2015.

Lakshadweep MP Faizal disqualified again

Less than 24 hours after the Kerala High Court declined the plea of Lakshadweep MP Mohammad Faizal in an attempt to murder case, he was disqualified from Parliament. This is the second time he has been disqualified. He was earlier disqualified on January 25, after the Kavaratti sessions court convicted him and three others on the charges of attempting to murder P. Salih.

KTR says BJP sent feelers to ally with BRS five years ago

BRS working president says the party has never allied with anyone during an election ever since Telangana was formed; says they are not 'bitten by a mad dog to lose their mind and join the NDA'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

In the continuing war of words a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi claimed that Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) chief K. Chandrasekhar Rao had wished to join the NDA, which Mr. Rao had rejected, BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao maintained that the party has never allied with anyone during polls ever since Telangana was formed, despite requests.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Mr. KTR said: "In 2018, Biggest Jhoota Party through its State president Dr K Laxman sent feelers to ally with BRS. Could the offer have been made without the approval of his Delhi bosses?"

He embedded the video of Dr. Laxman making the offer and claimed that the BRS had rejected the offer outright the very next minute it was made.

"The political tourists with selective amnesia who are fabricating stories should know this," he said. He said the simple common-sense question that would arise is why should BRS ally with a party which didn't even get deposits in 105 Assembly segments? Why does BRS need support of BJP in GHMC elections when we had the strength to form on our own? "We are fighters not cheaters," he added.

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>
> **K.T. RAMA RAO**
> BRS working president

Mr. Modi's remark at a public meeting in Nizamabad on Tuesday triggered sharp political reactions from the BJP, the BRS and the Congress as well.

The BRS leadership was quick to hit back at the BJP with Mr. KTR saying that Prime Minister lowered the stature of his position by speaking outright lies. "A PM-level leader displaying such blatant dishonesty is utterly disgraceful and condemnable," he said. "We are not bitten by a mad dog, to lose our mind and join NDA," said Mr, KTR.

The BJP leaders, however, stuck to the PM's statement.

IAF gets first LCA Tejas twin-seater aircraft from HAL

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed over the first LCA Tejas twin seater to the Indian Air Force in the presence of Union Minister of State for Defence & Tourism Ajay Bhatt at a ceremony in Bengaluru on Wednesday, October 4.

The LCA Tejas Twin Seater is a lightweight, all-weather multi-role 4.5 generation aircraft. It is designed to support the training requirements of the IAF and augment itself to the role of a fighter in case of necessity.

It is a huge boost to self-reliance, said the minister in his address. "I am proud to be part of this historic occasion and salute the spirit of HAL which has been spearheading Swadeshi manufacturing in defence," he said. Mr. Bhatt unveiled the twin seater LCA. "In all, the development of LCA Tejas has also brought about a shift in our approach to defence procurement. It has demonstrated that India has the talent, knowledge and capability to design, develop and manufacture world-class fighters," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari said that IAF would be going ahead to procure 97 more LCAs, and with this it will have 220 LCAs in its inventory.

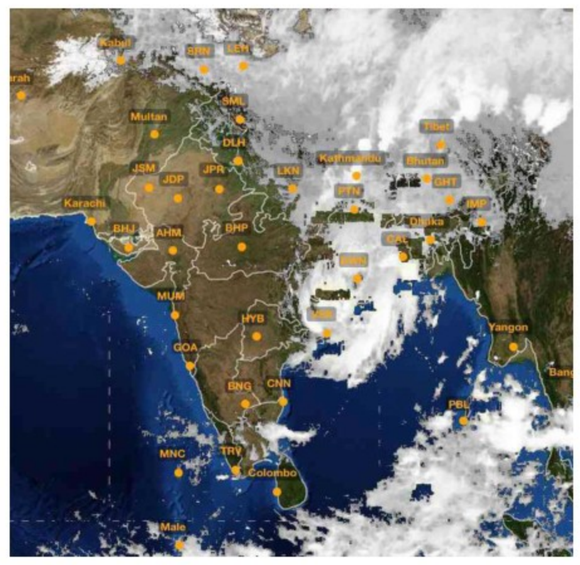
C.B. Ananthakrishnan, CMD (Addl. Charge), HAL said that the company is committed to deliver all the twin-seater aircraft pertaining to Initial Operational Configuration (IOC) and Final Operational Configuration (FOC) contract to IAF in the current financial year. "With this, we are moving one step closer towards achieving self-sufficiency on the fixed wing segment. These trainers also ensure smooth transition for the pilots from trainer to fighter aircraft in this class," he added.

Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, HAL CMD (Addl. Charge) C.B. Ananthakrishnan, Director General, ADA, Girish S. Deodhare, A.P.V.S Prasad, CE (A), CEMILAC, officials from IAF, MoD, DGAQA, DRDO, HAL and production partners attended the event.

The Release to Service Document (RSD) and the Signalling out Certificate (SOC) were also handed over during the event.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.5	25.2	Kozhikode	—	34.2	24.6
Ahmedabad	—	35.5	22.2	Kurnool	—	35.7	25.7
Aizawl	14	32.5	20.1	Lucknow	—	31.2	25.7
Allahabad	0.4	33.7	26.0	Madurai	0.6	38.4	24.6
Bengaluru	—	30.1	21.0	Mangaluru	—	30.2	23.4
Bhopal	—	34.3	19.0	Mumbai	—	32.0	25.4
Bhubaneswar	—	30.5	25.4	Mysuru	—	—	23.6
Chandigarh	—	35.2	20.8	New Delhi	—	34.4	18.5
Chennai	0.1	36.5	27.7	Patna	1.6	30.4	25.1
Coimbatore	—	34.4	22.6	Port Blair	9	28.2	24.1
Dehradun	—	32.9	19.4	Puducherry	—	35.8	26.6
Gangtok	36	19.0	17.1	Pune	—	33.4	21.1
Goa	—	28.5	23.6	Raipur	—	33.5	24.1
Guwahati	3	29.8	25.2	Ranchi	63	26.8	22.6
Hubballi	—	29.0	23.0	Shillong	1	22.1	17.5
Hyderabad	—	33.0	22.8	Shimla	—	26.8	15.8
Imphal	16	31.1	21.9	Srinagar	—	28.0	9.6
Jaipur	—	35.8	22.0	Thiruvananthapuram	112	34.5	23.0
Kochi	—	30.8	25.6	Tiruchi	0.5	36.1	25.4
Kohima	—	—	—	Vijayawada	—	35.8	27.2
Kolkata	46	28.2	25.4	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	27.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.16	..89	.53	...106	...138	
Bengaluru	...7	..31	.78	97	...123	
Chennai	...4	..27	.40	39	69	
Delhi	.28	..56	.35	...192	...349	
Hyderabad	.16	..40	.21	96	...125	
Kolkata	.33	..23	.22	22	25	
Lucknow	...7	5	.68	24	65	
Mumbai	...5	..45	.30	...274	...167	
Pune	131	217	112	...108	85	
Visakhapatnam	...6	..52	.26	91	...119	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sonipat, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 271 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Guwahati, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 10

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
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Vs.
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RESPONDENT NO.7
MRS. GEETHA, Daughter of Late Gopala Reddy, No.35, 21st Main, KHB Colony, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560095.
...RESPONDENT/S

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GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court, this the *20th Day of September 2023.*

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Emergency era

The arrests and actions in *NewsClick* case are aimed at a chilling effect

Even for a government that has shown itself to be intolerant of critical journalism, the actions by the Bharatiya Janata Party-led regime on the news website *NewsClick* smack of extreme vendetta and brazen harassment. The government has, thus far, disclosed no specific allegation on what exactly merited the arrest of the site's Editor-in-Chief Prabir Purkayastha and another person under the draconian provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act among others. Reportedly, the website is under investigation for a "terror case with Chinese links", but no article or content has been brought to light that allegedly suggests any link to "terror" or pro-Chinese propaganda. The news organisation has also said it has not been given a copy of the First Information Report or informed about the particulars of the offences it has been charged with. And yet, the journalists, contributors and employees associated with it have been subjected to raids, with many of their mobile phones and laptops seized. These actions against the website are not new – it has been under the scrutiny of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Income-Tax Department since 2021, with seizures of electronic equipment, but no charge sheet was ever filed against it. The Delhi High Court, finding a *prime facie* case in favour of NewsClick, granted interim protection to Mr. Purkayastha from arrest and also deterred the ED from taking coercive action against the organisation. A lower court had dismissed a complaint filed by the Income-Tax department on a similar matter.

The trigger for the set of actions now is apparently an article in *The New York Times* that questioned the motives of an investor in *NewsClick* and alleges his proximity to the Chinese government, but it did not point to any specific article on the site that amounted to illegal propaganda against India. Government representatives first engaged in a systematic vilification and disinformation campaign against the site based on this article. Tuesday's actions seem driven by an impulse to scapegoat a media outlet and to bring about, therefore, a chilling effect on critical journalism. No government can or should so brazenly target journalists solely based on suspicion about its funding and thereby undermine the freedom of expression, which is guaranteed under the Constitution. Mr. Purkayastha was arrested and kept in jail during the Emergency in 1975 under the draconian Maintenance of Internal Security Act, on trumped up charges, when he was a student-activist at Jawaharlal Nehru University. Today, history seems to be repeating itself, but without even the fig leaf of a declared Emergency.

Let there be light

Physics Nobel celebrates techniques to measure changes in electron properties

According to the laws of quantum mechanics, the observable properties of electrons in matter – like a fruit or a rock – change in a few hundred attoseconds. One attosecond is 10^{-18} seconds. To study these extremely rapid changes, special tools are needed, and Anne L'Huillier, Pierre Agostini, and Ferenc Krausz have received the 2023 physics Nobel Prize for building these tools. From the late 1980s, Dr. L'Huillier led several studies that found that an infrared beam shone on a volume of a noble gas produced multiple overtones: waves whose wavelength was an integer-fraction of the 'original' light wave. Her team also observed a peculiar relationship between the original wave's frequency and the intensity of the overtones, and explained it using the existing laws of quantum mechanics – a milestone. If the overtone waves' peaks lined up, they would combine to produce a more intense peak (constructive interference); when one wave's peak coincided with another's trough, they would cancel themselves out (destructive interference). Physicists realised that this reinforcing effect could be timed such that the gas emitted intense peaks with a pulse duration of a few attoseconds, with destructive interference achieving the cut-off. Dr. Agostini and company demonstrated this in 2001 by producing light with a pulse duration of 250 attoseconds. In the same year, Dr. Krausz and company isolated a single pulse, 650 attoseconds in duration, and used it to measure the kinetic energy of electrons kicked out from krypton atoms by a bunch of photons. Attosecond physics had finally arrived.

The medicine Nobel Prize this year celebrated the invention of mRNA vaccines and their effect on the COVID-19 pandemic. The utility for people here was straightforward, whereas that for attosecond physics is not. However, the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. The specific dynamics of electrons matter in settings with potentially immediate value, including biochemistry, diagnostics, superconductivity, and manufacturing techniques. Thanks to the laureates' work, scientists have a way to illuminate hitherto unknown possibilities with discoveries of phenomena that live and die in attoseconds. Then again, humans rarely have all the information required to judge whether a particular discovery or invention could be of value later. The 2016 chemistry laureates were feted for building motors with individual molecules – a feat with no known applications at the time, but to achieve it, they devised techniques that improved other areas of chemistry. To paraphrase one of these laureates, J. Fraser Stoddard, there is important value in making something that was hard to do before easier to do today, and "we still have the excitement of finding out what [its applications] might be".

Retribution for the south, accolade for the north

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In Indian federal democracy, a State's relative population size gains political and economic significance. The strong linguistic identities and regional renaissances in political and social spheres propelled the southern States to scale greater heights in all spheres of development. In sharp contrast to the northern States, population control has been achieved in the southern States through social development and economic growth. In the federal political system, changes in population geography have a lasting impact on the political and economic geography.

Delimitation and political representation

Article 81 of the Indian Constitution stipulates that Lok Sabha constituencies in the country should be equal by the size of population. Based on the 1971 Census, the number of Lok Sabha constituencies for States was determined and frozen for the next 25 years through the 42nd Amendment Act 1976. In 2001, through the 84th Amendment Act, the freeze on the number of constituencies for each State was further prolonged until the first Census after 2026.

The population growth rates differ between the non-Hindi speaking southern States and the Hindi-speaking northern States. Between 1971 and 2011, the proportion of the population of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh increased from 44% to 48.2%, whereas the proportion of population of the five southern States (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana) declined from 24.9% to 21.1%. If equal size of Lok Sabha constituencies by population is enforced today as in the population projections of 2023, the five southern States will lose 23 seats, while the northern States will gain 37. In other words, the proportion of political representation of northern States will increase by 6.81% and that of southern States will decline by 4.24%.

The problem of balancing the political representation of sub-central units that have lower populations arises in all federations. For instance, Canada has been consistently increasing the proportion of representation in the national Parliament for the less populous provinces. The attempt to equalise the size of constituencies by population is based on the dictum, "One Person, One Vote". In a 'First-Past-the-Post' election system, along with a multi-party contest, voters know that only one of the contestants shall win, that is, the winner takes all. Often, winners are elected even with less than one-third of the votes polled. If we calculate the proportion of votes secured by the winner in a constituency, it may be less than one-fifth of registered voters or even one-sixth of the total population of the constituency. A targeted vote gathering by a candidate should help to secure a win in this system. To give a perspective, from the 2019 election numbers, we can see that a Member of Parliament from the northern States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh represent around 18 lakh registered electors, while the five southern State Member of Parliament represents 16 lakh registered electors. But in both these two groups of States, it requires only 12 lakh voters to elect a Member of Parliament. The real meaning of 'one person, one vote' is lost in this system. Hence, equating constituencies by the size of the population is not essential.

> The five southern States have effectively controlled their population and should not be penalised through reduced political representation

When family planning and population control are the stated policies of the national and regional governments in India, States that have implemented these policies and effectively controlled their population should not be penalised through reduced political representation in subsequent periods. Population control happens not only due to the implementation of family planning programmes but also because of the social change that is engineered by the leaders in the society. Population control in the southern States is a classic example of this feat. Therefore, reducing the proportional representation of southern States in the national Parliament is not only a disincentive for these States but also an incentive for others not to take population control and social change as public policy seriously. So, continuing with the freeze on the distribution of seats among States as they were in 1971 till the population stabilises in all States is the only way out.

Role of population in fiscal transfers

Once in five years the Union government constitutes a Finance Commission to recommend, among other things, the share of each State in the assigned tax revenue of the Union government. Every Finance Commission recommends a formula for the horizontal distribution of the Union government's tax revenue among the States. Population and per capita income of a State are considered to be two important indicators that are always included in the distribution formula with larger weights.

Population of a State is a measure of demand for public expenditure. Therefore, it is an important variable in the distribution formula. The first Finance Commission decided a State's share based on its population size. The successive Finance Commissions reduced the weight assigned to the population in the distribution formula while including other variables. The Union government, in its terms of reference to the Eighth Finance Commission (1984-89), stipulated to use only the 1971 population in the distribution instead of the 1981 population. This practice continued thereafter till the Thirteenth Finance Commission (2010-15). In terms of reference for the Fourteenth Finance Commission, the Union government stipulated that apart from taking the 1971 population, the Commission may also consider demographic changes since 1971, wherever the population is to be used. Thus, for the first time, the established practice of rewarding the southern States for controlling the population was replaced by awarding the populous States. The terms of reference of the Fifteenth Finance Commission openly declared taking the 2011 population in the distribution formula. With this, the southern States lost the advantage of getting some financial rewards for population control. Therefore, the southern States have already started facing reduced financial transfers from the Union government as a reward for controlling population growth.

There is another factor that consistently brings in the current population in the distribution formula – the per capita income of a State. The per capita income of a State is considered as a proxy for its ability to raise its own revenue. The higher the per capita income of a State, the lower its share in the Union tax revenue. Lower per capita income of a State may be due to higher population for a given Gross State Domestic Product. Therefore, the higher the current population of a State, the higher its share in the Union tax revenue. It is important to note that usually the per capita income is assigned larger weight in the distribution formula favouring the northern States. The combined share of the five southern States in the Union government's tax revenue from 2000-05 to 2021-26 declined from 21.1% to 15.8%. On the contrary, the combined share of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh increased from 51.5% to 53.2%.

Using the current population for delimitation of Lok Sabha constituencies by equalising population and in the distribution formula for assignment of Union government tax revenue to States is clear retribution for the population control efforts of the southern States and a transparent accolade for the higher growth rate of population in the northern States.

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Keeping tabs on carbon with an accounting system

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The climate 'polycrisis' – a term made popular by Adam Tooze – refers to the interconnected and compounding crises related to climate change that are affecting the planet not just in a few sectors but across several sectors and domains. It encompasses the physical impacts of climate change (rising temperatures, sea-level rise, and extreme weather events) and the social, economic, and political challenges that arise from these impacts. In India, one can see the interconnections between seemingly different sectors such as energy, infrastructure, health, migration and food production that are being impacted by climate change.

Recognising the complexity and interconnectedness of the climate polycrisis, it is crucial in developing a holistic approach that takes into account the diverse perspectives and priorities of different stakeholders, while ensuring resilience, equity, and justice. While it seems easier to pursue our response to climate change in a sectoral fashion, the very nature of a polycrisis means that tweaking one corner of the climate challenge leads to unexpected consequences elsewhere.

Instead, we need a deep transformation – one that lays the foundation of a new economy that is sensitive to the planet. Just as digital infrastructure enables new startups and public services, we need to imagine 'carbon infrastructure' that creates opportunities for a flourishing future carbon regime that takes the flows of carbon into account in the formulation of policy at every level: household, panchayat, district, State and country.

Measurement as the first step

The first step is measurement, for whatever cannot be measured cannot be accounted for. We need to measure carbon emissions from that of individual citizens to that of the nation as a whole, including all that is in the flow. Once we have a measurement system in place, we can build an accounting system that helps us balance our carbon books.

> Such a system – on the lines of a financial balance sheet – will help bring the nation under one carbon accounting framework

We are all familiar with financial balance sheets, with their sources and their applications. What if the same thing is done for carbon? Existing carbon accounting methodologies such as those championed by Karthik Ramanna at Oxford are already capable of tracking carbon balance sheets at the corporate level.

A national carbon accounting (NCA) system is both an evolutionary and a revolutionary generalisation of these ideas. It will bring the entire nation, starting from individuals and households, under one carbon accounting framework. This will be a paradigmatic change in the way we look at all human and non-human "activities" in the world. This is necessary if we intend to truly internalise carbon reduction goals of the country and the world.

Just imagine a world in which we file carbon tax returns alongside our income tax returns, or maybe only the carbon tax returns. Take a moment to consider the revolution in public finance that will be triggered when carbon is recognised, captured, valued, accounted for and taxed.

Carbon accounting

Public finance is the primary mechanism of development. Governments apportion funds for different developmental activities, each competing with the others for the exchequer's purse. The revenue to fund the public exchequer comes from taxes, and that, in turn, requires that individual entities – businesses, households – keep an account of inflows and outflows of money. 'Money accounting' is an integrated system, all the way from the spending of individuals to the Reserve Bank of India that helps us keep track of the circulation of money within the system. The keeping of accounts makes money visible and makes public finance possible.

In contrast, the stocks and flows of carbon are not tracked at a granular level anywhere in the world. As a result, there is no possibility for a progressive carbon tax that penalises large buyers of petrol more than the average consumer. A progressive carbon tax requires us to keep track of the inflows and outflows of carbon, i.e., national carbon accounting. Carbon accounting is a way for companies to keep track of the carbon they are producing, removing, storing and offsetting. It helps companies keep carbon books alongside their financial books.

An NCA will bring the concept of carbon books to the nation and will make it mandatory for businesses and individuals to declare/report their carbon inflows and outflows. It will make the circulation of carbon visible, and just as with financial accounting, other goods and services can be 'financed' using carbon surpluses, especially if there is convertibility between the carbon accounts and the rupee accounts. Once we have an NCA, we will be able to set targets, make predictions about future emission reductions and track our progress against those goals.

We can speculate about a future national carbon budget that helps us re-imagine the entire economy, including new technologies and new forms of collective action. Instead of the single goal of increasing economic GDP in money terms, as we already do, there will be a parallel goal of a carbon GDP which countries will try to reduce.

As a polysolution

An NCA will not only help India meet its commitment to becoming net zero by 2070 but also help it and other countries (if adopted globally) create new livelihoods and new forms of organising its economy and society. Everyone understands GDP growth and, more recently, alternative measures such as Gross National Happiness. By making transparent the carbon footprint of human activities, we open up the possibilities of a new form of public discourse and an alignment between development and ecological sustainability. In short, an NCA is a polysolution to a polycrisis.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Raids and the media

India, ironically, the mother of democracy, has slid in its ranking in the World Press Freedom Index. It should not come as a surprise that there have been massive searches of the premises of journalists, authors, academics, contributors and even satirists associated with the news portal, *NewsClick*.

What is surprising, however, is the use of the anti-terror Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the allegations of a "terror case with Chinese links". In today's India, pursuing independent journalism is becoming a challenging task.

Any attempt to muzzle the media including growing social media critical of the ruling establishment will sound the death knell for our great democracy.

S.K. Choudhury,
Bengaluru

The arrests raise serious concerns about the state of democracy and press freedom in India. Press freedom is a fundamental human right.

A free press that can hold those in power accountable is the *sine qua non* of democracy. Look at the irony of what is happening in India.

The government, which is never tired of saying that India is the mother of democracy, is hampering independent and fearless journalism by unleashing investigating agencies on media houses that and journalists who do not toe its line.

This does not augur well for Indian democracy which has been on a backslide for quite some time.

Kurian Mathew,
Kochi, Kerala

Asian Games performance

A cursory look at the news would present a picture of a resurgent India in terms of athletics. However, the true perspective is available in the medals table, where even in the Asian context, India was fourth while China's count is over 10 times that of India's. Tiny Chinese Taipei has a medal count that is not too bad.

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Women's quota, panchayats to Parliament

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The landmark Women's Reservation Bill – now the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act – that reserves one-third of the total seats in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies for women received presidential assent recently. As the first law passed in the new Parliament building during a special session, it portends a new chapter in India's democratic journey.

It comes on the 30th anniversary of the constitutional reforms that reserved one-third of seats in panchayats and municipalities for women. Since then, there have been multiple unsuccessful attempts to extend women's reservation to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies. While its final enactment is momentous, it is contingent on the conduct of delimitation and census.

Nevertheless, it is the right time to take stock of the 30-year experience of women's reservation in local government and the lessons it offers Indian democracy.

Parliament, 30 years ago, enacted the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments that sought to make panchayats and municipalities "institutions of self-government". It mandated a minimum of one-third of seats and office of chairpersons in panchayats and municipalities to be reserved for women. It also mandated reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Schedules Tribes (STs) based on their percentage population and enabled States to reserve seats for Backward Classes. This has created a system with over 3 million elected panchayat representatives, out of which almost half are women.

The expansion and diversification of the representative base of Indian democracy is the most successful element of these constitutional reforms. While the Union government's 2009 constitutional amendment to increase women's reservation in local governments from 33% to 50% failed, many States have enacted laws that reserve 50% seats for women and also instituted reservations of seats for Other Backward Classes (OBCs). Hence, presently in panchayats and municipalities, there is, at one level, vertical reservation of seats for SCs, STs, and OBCs and a horizontal category of reservation for women that applies across all categories – general, SC, ST, and OBC.

Such a mix of vertical and horizontal reservations recognises the aggravated disadvantage people face due to their location in the intersection of their caste and gender identities. The present women's reservation law, as well as its previous avatar passed by the Rajya Sabha in 2008, adopts a similar model of intersectional reservation for women. However, unlike the case of the 73rd and 74th amendments, the present law does not enable reservation for OBC women.

Impact of reservations

Beyond representation, has women's reservation in local governments yielded substantive benefits? A 2004 paper by Esther Duflo and Raghabendra Chattopadhyay on panchayats in West Bengal and Rajasthan found that women leaders invest more in public goods and ensure increased women's participation in panchayat meetings.

A more expansive study in 2011 across 11 States by Ms. Duflo and others reaffirmed the finding that women-led panchayats made higher investments in public services like drinking water, education, and roads. However, a 2010 paper by Pranab Bardhan and others found that women's reservations worsened the targeting of welfare programmes for SC/ST households and provided no improvement for female-headed households.

Meanwhile, a 2008 paper by Vijayendra Rao and Radu Ban found that women leaders perform no differently than their male counterparts in south India and instead institutional factors such as the maturity of the State's panchayat system were more relevant. Worryingly, a 2020 paper by Alexander Lee and Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra examining reservations in Delhi found that constituencies reserved for women are less likely to elect OBC women and more likely to elect upper-caste women.

Uncertain future

Evidently, the impact of women's reservation is not straightforward. The design of women's reservations in Parliament and State Assemblies should have ideally been informed by its 30-year experience in panchayats and municipalities. Since the role that women play in local governments is different from their role in Parliament, the impact of reservation may play out differently. However, something as vital as a constitutional amendment for women's reservation should have been introduced after widespread discussion and analysis of its experience, instead of being introduced surreptitiously through a "supplementary list" in a hastily organised Parliament session.

Unlike the 2008 version, the present women's reservation law has tied its implementation with the conduct of delimitation and census, neither of which have a definite date. The constitutional freeze for delimitation, that has been in place since 1976, will end in 2026. If the reallocation of seats between States is purely based on population, the southern States' share in the Parliament will drastically reduce. So, the next delimitation exercise is likely to open up the fault lines of India's delicate federal relations. Hence, coupling women's reservations with a politically fraught delimitation exercise makes its implementation contentious. Hopefully, the near unanimity in the passing of the Bill signals that there will be some consensus on implementing women's reservation in the near future.

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The shift in BJP's Kashmir approach

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq's release signals the ceding of space for separatist voices

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After over four years of house detention, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq was released on September 22. The 50-year-old was allowed to deliver sermons at the historic Jamia Masjid in the volatile Nowhatta region in capital Srinagar. His release marks the first move by the Central government and the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor since August 5, 2019 to concede space to separatist politics in Kashmir. Prior to that, separatist leaders called the shots in Kashmir through their agitational politics, much to the chagrin of New Delhi.

Currently the chief cleric of the Kashmir valley, the Mirwaiz joined separatist politics at the age of 17, soon after his father Maulana Muhammad Farooq was assassinated by gunmen in 1990. More than 130 years old, the position of the Mirwaiz is rooted in distinct indigenous culture and has to do with preaching Islamic tenets with a thrust on accommodation and moderation while practising the faith.

However, the Mirwaiz clan saw itself go up against the Hindu Dogra monarchy from Jammu in the 1930s and participated in an agitation to seek equal rights and fought for an end to the persecution of Muslims of Jammu and Kashmir. Eventually, the clan got drawn into identity-based politics. To date, it remains the hallmark of the Mirwaiz clan's policy.

In fact, sidelining the Mirwaiz from political space since 2019 was part of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Centre's larger policy to deny room to separatism in Kashmir. The Central government, in the run-up to the division of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories and ending its special constitutional status in 2019, completely dislodged separatist politics from the political landscape. Top separatist leaders and their second-rung leadership were arrested in different cases. The crackdown extended to influential Islamic religious scholars too. It was followed by a vigorous exercise to sow the seeds for a new crop of leadership.

New ways

However, the Mirwaiz's release reflects a change in the BJP's approach to Kashmir. It is hard to put a finger on the right reason for his release – whether under external pressure or due to internal demands. However, in a first, senior BJP leader and Waqf Board chairperson Darakhshan Andrabi, who posted her picture with the Mirwaiz from a meeting held last year, took credit for the release. Earlier, Ms. Andrabi conspicuously visited the house of Jamiat Ahle-Hadith preacher Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat alias Mushtaq Veeri and made a phone call to Islamic preacher Moulana Abdul Rashid Dawoodi after they were released from jail. Both preachers were booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA) last year for "instigating youth in Kashmir". On the contrary, Ms. Andrabi said these religious scholars were "very precious for the society".

The BJP leader's acknowledgement of these religious scholars is a departure from the past when they were projected as the party's *bete noire* in Kashmir. It bears some resemblance to the approach adopted by the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in 2000. In the autumn of 1999, the entire Hurriyat leadership was arrested as the Lok Sabha polls were marred by boycott calls issued by the separatists. At 32.3%, Jammu and Kashmir recorded the lowest-ever participation in six Lok Sabha seats that year, with the Srinagar seat registering a mere 11.93% polling, to the embarrassment of New Delhi. In spite of the Kargil war in 1999, the NDA took bold steps to engage with the Hurriyat leadership in 2000. It culminated in direct talks between former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani and Hurriyat leaders in January of 2004.

The Mirwaiz's first-ever sermon in September this year saw a stark resemblance to the stand made by the Hurriyat before Mr. Advani in 2004, where the separatist amalgam advocated that "guns should be replaced by political talks". In the latest statement, the Mirwaiz picked up threads from that stand and elaborated on the Hurriyat position to push for efforts to seek a resolution to the Kashmir issue "through an alternative to violent means, which is dialogue and reconciliation". He, in fact, sought a fresh prism to look at the Hurriyat from being so-called separatists or peace disrupters to "realist resolution seekers". As Kashmir remains in a political flux, the picture will get clearer in the coming months as to whether the BJP has decided to see a lasting peace through the institution of dialogue or not.

The roller-coaster that was the 2023 monsoon

Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, southern-interior Karnataka and Kerala ended the season with deficient rainfall

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Point

The "official" 2023 Southwest Monsoon season (June to September) has ended, though the withdrawal of the monsoon may continue till mid-October. This monsoon season has been erratic – it started with a severe deficit in the initial days of June, turned surplus in many days of July flooding several northern States, followed by the driest August since 1901, only for record September rains to compensate, leading to a "normal" monsoon.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) attributes days with deficient rainfall this season to the impact of El Nino and the days of surplus rainfall, especially in September, to the positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD). El Nino is a climate pattern that describes the periodic warming of sea surface temperatures in the eastern and central Pacific, which is linked to below-normal monsoon rainfall in India. The IOD is defined by the difference in sea surface temperatures between the western part of the Indian Ocean (closer to the Arabian Sea) and the eastern part of the Indian Ocean. A positive IOD means that the western part is warmer than average while the eastern part is cooler than average. The positive IOD is associated with above-average monsoon rainfall in India.

Chart 1 shows the cumulative departure (in %) of rainfall from the Long Period Average (LPA) in India this monsoon season. The LPA is the average rainfall received between 1971 and 2020. Departure of -20% or lower points to deficient rainfall, departure of +20% or higher points to surplus rainfall, and anything in between is considered normal. The chart shows how there was a severe deficit in the first two weeks of June, which was compensated in July, and a severely dry August was later compensated in September, leading to a "normal" monsoon in the end.

The monthly percentage departure of rainfall from the LPA in India was -9% in June, +13% in July, -36% in August, and +13% in September as shown in **Chart 2**. The chart also shows the region-wise split of the monthly departure as well. For instance, the northwest region received excess rainfall (>+19% departure) in the first two months of the monsoon, though it ran a deficit in August.

Map 3 shows the meteorological sub-division wise percentage departure of rainfall from the LPA in India at the end of the monsoon season. The sub-divisions highlighted – eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Gangetic West Bengal, south-interior Karnataka and Kerala – ended with a deficient rainfall. The subdivisions Saurashtra & Kutch, and West Rajasthan ended with a surplus rainfall. The rest of India recorded a normal rainfall (within the +19% and -19% range)

This monsoon season, many weather agencies along with the IMD had predicted a below normal rainfall as it was an El Nino year. Yet, its effects were minimised due to favourable conditions in the Indian Ocean. Moreover, the Indian monsoon season can be impacted by other regional and global atmospheric patterns as well such as the Eurasian snow cover. **Chart 4** shows the impact El Nino and La Nina had on the percentage departure of rainfall from the LPA in the southwest monsoons between the 1950s and 2023. La Nina is a climate pattern that describes the periodic cooling of sea surface temperatures in the eastern and central Pacific that is associated with surplus rain in India. The chart shows that not all El Nino years result in deficient rainfall and not all La Nina years result in increase, showing that other factors do influence the Indian monsoons.

A start-stop affair

The data for the charts were sourced from the India Meteorological Department

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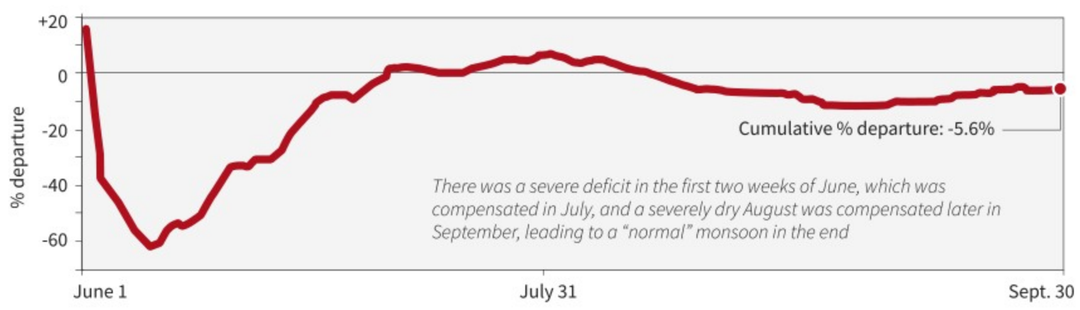
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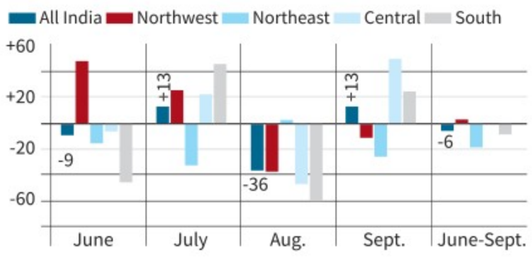

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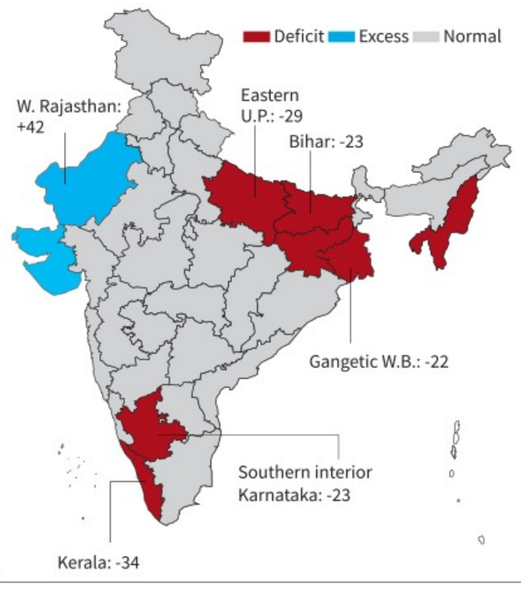

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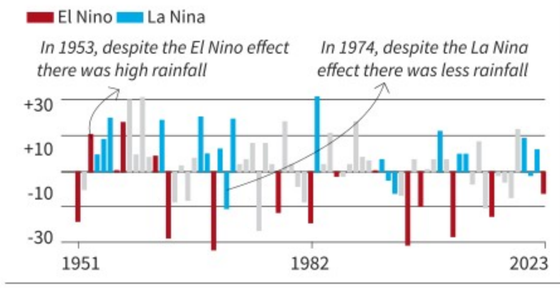


FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 5, 1973

Tamil Nadu Govt. move to recover stolen idol

Madras, Oct. 4

The Tamil Nadu Government has instructed the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. F. V. Arul, who is now in Paris attending the executive meeting of the International Police Organisation (INTERPOL), to move a resolution for taking steps with international help to recover the stolen 'Nataraja' idol from Sivapuram estimated to cost about ₹75 lakh. This 3,000-year old idol is now in the United States with an antique dealer. Mr. V. R. Nedunchezhian, Minister for Education and Tourism, gave this information while inaugurating the 'Poompuhar handicrafts exhibition' organised by the Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation, at the Rajaji Hall. The Minister said the fact that there were serious attempts to prevent the idol from being returned to India showed that it was invaluable. He said the Handicrafts Development Corporation set up recently with a capital of ₹20 lakh would be extending loans to artisans to produce more goods both for export and internal distribution. Mr. Nedunchezhian said the State Tourist Department had drawn up a scheme to highlight the tourist attractions in each district. The Corporation would be asked to prepare miniatures of the tourist attractions for sale to the foreign tourists, he said.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 5, 1923

Important conversations

(Reuter's Agency)

London, Oct. 3,

The conference has placed Mr. Davidson, the Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster in charge of publicity arrangements. He will attend meetings for this purpose. Questions of foreign affairs will be handled by the full conference. Other questions will be remitted in the first place to committees. In this category some matters like naturalisation of persons in the mandated territories, re-admission to British nationality of women who have married aliens, marriages with foreigners etc. The conference has decided to establish a general secretariat on which all delegates will be represented. It has been arranged that Mr. Davidson shall hold a conference once, perhaps twice, daily with the press representatives in the same way as was done at some of the conferences abroad.

From Page One

Seven dead as glacial lake bursts in Sikkim

The Chungthang dam, a concrete-rock dam, was breached from its centre from the sheer force and speed of the water, estimated at nearly 54 kmph.

"There is significant damage. However as of [Wednesday evening], the water from the lake has receded. It was a 160-hectare glacial lake and now it is about 60 hectares. So all that water has flowed down. Rain is expected for the next two days. Currently, the dam and its surroundings are inaccessible and it will be a few days before we get greater clarity," a top official in the government, who declined to be identified, told *The Hindu*.

"The distance between the lake and the Teesta 3 [power project] is very short. The CWC [Central Water Commission] reported a rising column of water at 1:30 a.m., but it was so quick and big that little could be done by way of warning," the official added. The CWC's river monitoring stations reported that the first surge of water was nearly 60 feet above the maximum water level at Sangkalang at 1:30 a.m. The Teesta 3 hydropower project is operated by Sikkim Urja, which is 60% owned by the Sikkim government.

A number of people are now in relief camps. Twenty-three Army personnel initially went missing at Bardang near Singtam due to the flash flood in the Teesta river, according to a defence spokesperson in Guwahati. One of the 23 missing soldiers was rescued late in the evening. His condition is stable and he is under medical care, an Army official said.

Search operations continued through the day but were hindered due to continuous rain and inclement weather, officials said.

"More than 8,000 cubic metres per second of water has been released from Teesta barrage which has resulted in flood-like situations in the downstream districts of Kalimpong, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar," a press statement from the West Bengal government said.

Scientists at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), through multiple studies in 2013 and 2019, had warned that the South Lhonak lake was "potentially hazardous" and cautioned the authorities to keep an eye on it as it was expanding "dangerously".

"In our study in 2013, satellite data analysis showed the glacier receded 1.9 km from 1962 to 2008 and the formation of a moraine-dammed glacial lake at the snout of South Lhonak glacier, Sikkim Himalaya," said Remya S.N., Assistant Professor at the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham who was part of an IISc team studying Himalayan glacial lakes in 2013.

Glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF), as such events are called, are a major concern in Bhutan, Tibet, India, Nepal, and Pakistan. The IISc study had recommended measures like early warning systems and mitigation measures to be put in place in potential GLOF areas, Dr. Remya added.

(With inputs from Dinakar Peri in New Delhi and Shiv Sahay Singh in Kolkata)

Ujjwala beneficiaries to get LPG subsidy of ₹300

The announcement of the decision taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) was made by Union Minister Anurag Thakur. The CCEA has raised the subsidy from ₹200 to ₹300 per cylinder for up to 12 refills per year, he said.

Assembly elections are due in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, and Mizoram. The government had in August cut domestic cooking gas prices by ₹200 per cylinder, after which it cost ₹903. For Ujjwala beneficiaries, the price was ₹703 after considering the ₹200 subsidy.

Chemistry Nobel Prize for 'quantum dots'

Quantum dots are crystals just a few nanometres wide, holding only a few thousand atoms. To compare, a single grain of sand can hold around a sextillion atoms. The electrons in the dot's atoms are very close to each other, with little wiggle room. At this nanoscale, the effects of quantum mechanics are more apparent.

When some light is shined on a quantum dot, it will absorb and re-emit it at a different frequency, or colour – just like some atoms. Uniquely, the colour depends on the size of the dot: the smaller the dot, the bluer the colour of the re-emitted light. This relationship between size and colour is the result of electrons in the atoms jumping from a lower to a higher energy level, before jumping back. The gap between these levels depends on the size of the dot.

In the early 1980s, Dr. Ekimov and Dr. Brus (separately) synthesised the first quantum dots in glass and a liquid, respectively, proving the existence of such crystals and confirming their ability to fluoresce light of different colours based on their size. But they both had a problem: they could not consistently synthesise high-quality dots.

In 1993, Dr. Bawendi and his team had the answer. They injected small dollops of a compound into a specific solvent until it was saturated, and heated the solution. The compound soon began to coalesce into nanocrystals in the liquid, with the solvent itself giving them a smooth shape. Larger crystals formed when the solution was heated for longer.

UAPA case against portal for plot to disrupt sovereignty of India: police

NewsClick says it does not propagate Chinese propaganda; Delhi Police allege that a false narrative has been propagated to discredit efforts to contain pandemic; court allows Prabir Purkayastha to meet his lawyer, but does not decide on handing over copy of FIR to the journalist

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after the Delhi Police arrested Prabir Purkayastha, founder and Editor-in-Chief of *NewsClick*, and Amit Chakraborty, human resources head of the news portal, a government source told *The Hindu* that the police were investigating a "terror case that has Chinese links".

The Delhi Police submitted in court that the UAPA case was based on "secret inputs" that foreign funds in crores have been infused illegally into India by Indian and foreign entities with the intention to disrupt the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India. The foreign remittances received by the news portal are already being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) since 2021.

The source said that the fresh terror case registered by the Special Cell of the Delhi Police was being investigated.

NewsClick, whose office was sealed by the police a day ago, said in a statement on Wednesday that it does not publish any news or information at the behest of any Chinese entity or authority, directly or indirectly. "*NewsClick* does not propagate Chinese propaganda on its website," the news portal said.

Another official said they were probing if the foreign funds were being used for "information warfare".

The portal said all funding had been through the appropriate banking channels and had been reported to the relevant authorities as required by law, as substantiated by the Reserve Bank of India in proceedings before the High Court of Delhi.

The ED had accused the company of money laundering, claiming that the portal received ₹77 crore as foreign remittance between the years 2018 and 2021.

Meanwhile, Delhi's Patiala House Court on Wednesday passed no orders on an application filed by Mr. Purkayastha's counsel to make a copy of the FIR available to the accused. The court, however, allowed Mr. Purkayastha to meet his lawyer.

Keeping an eye: Security officers stand guard outside the office of *NewsClick* in New Delhi on Tuesday. AP

Additional sessions judge Hardeep Kaur, earlier on Tuesday night, had remanded Mr. Purkayastha and Mr. Chakraborty, also a shareholder in the company, in seven-day police custody in connection with a case lodged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Advocate Arshdeep Singh, who appeared for the accused, argued that they have a right to get the FIR copy by citing Section 41D, Cr.PC (right of arrested person to meet an advocate of his choice during interrogation).

The court decided to hear on Thursday the matter of supply of FIR copy but ordered that a copy of the remand order should be provided to both the accused.

'Secret inputs'

In the court, the police accused the *NewsClick* founder of holding discussions with Neville Roy Singham, an "active member of Propaganda department of the Communist Party of China" to distort the map of India by projecting Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as disputed territory.

The police said they had recovered around 4.73 lakh emails and the accused need to be confronted and interrogated to unearth the conspiracy.

Incidentally, the Delhi Police registered the FIR days after *The New York Times* published a report on August 8 that the portal received money from Mr. Singham, the American businessman, to spread Chinese propaganda.

According to the police, the ED also registered a second case against *NewsClick* on August 14, following the *NYT* report and during investigation the agency seized electronic gadgets from the suspects. It said the data extracted by the ED was stored in five hard disks, the analysis of which revealed a "larger conspiracy that the accused persons along with accused Neville Roy Singham conspired to create disaffection among various sections of the society and they are also found to be actively sympathising with banned terrorist organisation."

The police said the accused received ₹115 crore foreign funds. "A false narrative has been propagated to discredit the efforts of the Indian government to contain the COVID-19 pandemic," the police said.

"Secret inputs revealed that Prabir Purkayastha, Neville Roy Singham and some other Chinese employees of Neville Roy Singham-owned Shanghai-based company by the name of StarStream have exchanged mails which expose their intent to show Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh as not part of intended towards undermining the unity and territorial integrity of India," the police's application in the court seeking 15 days' remand of the accused said.

Media bodies write to CJI, call for norms on interrogation of journalists

Devesh K. Pandey
Alisha Dutta
NEW DELHI

Over a dozen media bodies on Wednesday sought Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud's intervention on the issue of searches against those linked to *NewsClick*, a digital news platform. Media persons and activists also turned up in large numbers at the Press Club of India in protest against the police action.

In a letter to the Chief Justice, the media organisations urged the courts to consider framing norms to discourage the seizure of journalists' phones and laptops on a "whim"; and to develop guidelines for the interrogation of journalists and for seizures from them, to ensure that "these are not undertaken as fishing expeditions with no bearing to an actual offence".

They also requested the courts to consider finding ways to ensure the accountability of state agencies and individual officers who were found overstepping the law or wilfully misleading courts with vague and open-ended investigations.

Author Arundhati Roy and journalists during a protest meeting at the Press Club of India in New Delhi. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

"[T]he developments over the past 24 hours have left us no option but to appeal to your good conscience to take cognisance and intervene before it is too late and an autocratic police state becomes the norm," said the letter, adding that as journalists and news professionals, they were always ready and willing to cooperate with any *bona fide* investigation.

The raids also evoked protests in several parts of the national capital. Over a hundred journalists, activists and public intellectuals gathered at the Press Club of India in solidarity.

Addressing a large crowd, journalist Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, who was interrogated by the police on Tuesday, said that he was one of the few people who had received back both his SIM card and phone after the Delhi police had seized it from him. "They asked me if I knew Neville Roy Singham to which I informed them that I did not. Further they asked me if I had spoken to S. Bhatnagar from the United States, to which I told them that I had, because he is my brother-in-law," Mr. Guha Thakurta said. The senior journalist was further asked whether he had covered the Delhi riots and the farmers' agitation, and whether he used the Signal social media platform.

Referring to the arrests of Mr. Purkayastha and Mr. Chakravorty, Mr. Guha Thakurta said that this was a black day for press freedom in India. "It is a clear signal that they are coming for every journalist in this country," he said.

Standing in solidarity, writer Arundhati Roy said that the BJP-led Union government has once again used the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) to limit the freedom of the press in the country.

Seema Chisti, editor of *The Wire*, said that such actions by the government do not create fear in the minds of those who are speaking truth to power.

U.S. conveys strong support for media

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

Reacting to the news of arrests of journalists and personnel associated with *NewsClick*, the U.S. State Department reiterated its support for the media. Responding to a question on the arrests as well as the report (from the *New York Times*) that alleged *NewsClick* was part of a Chinese influence operation, Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel said the State Department could not comment on the "veracity of the claims" that *NewsClick* had ties to the Chinese government. On Wednesday, a spokesperson conveyed U.S. President Joe Biden's "strong support" for the media.

The U.S. government has discussed with the Indian government and others, "the importance of respecting the human rights of journalists," including the freedom of expression, Mr. Patel said during the daily briefing.

"The U.S. government strongly supports the robust role of the media globally, including social media, in a vibrant and free democracy," he said.

The arrests occurred a little over a day after External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar left Washington D.C. after an official visit. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his team have, in the past, had rights dialogues with Mr. Jaishankar, including as part of the '2+2' Foreign and Defence Ministers format.

Apart from discussions at the State Department level, Mr. Biden has discussed the issue of democratic rights and norms with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in private.

"We have urged the Indian government to respect the rights of journalists, including freedom of expression both online and offline," a spokesperson for Mr. Biden's National Security Council told *The Hindu* on Wednesday, adding that the administration was aware of reporting on the media outlet's alleged links to the Chinese government, but declined to comment "on the veracity of those claims".

78% turnout in Kargil council polls

Peerzada Ashiq
KARGIL

The return of Kargil's migrant population, comprising over 6,000 students and hundreds of professionals, for elections, spiked voter turnout to a record 78% in the fifth Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council-Kargil (LAHDC-K) polls on Wednesday.

The LAHDC-K polls saw an 8 percentage points increase in voting percentage from the 70% during the 2018 council election. This was made possible by families like that of Muzaffar Ali from Kaksar village. "My son, a soldier posted in New Delhi and my cousin, a CRPF jawan in Assam, returned to Kargil for the polls like many others in my village Kaksar," Muzaffar Ali said. "It was an important election and they could not have missed it," he added.

Locals return to vote

He said 60 locals, who live outside Ladakh, returned to cast their votes.

Muhammad Hamza, a tour operator settled in New Delhi, said he rushed back to cast his vote. "Kargil lags on several development fronts," he said.

A significant section of Kargil either works or studies outside Ladakh due to poor job opportunities here and lack of professional colleges.

Party sources said hundreds of buses were arranged by the National Conference to get back at least 65-70% of the student community before the poll dates.

Majority verdict in JMM bribery case was wrong, Centre tells SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Twenty-five years after a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court protected MPs and MLAs who take kickbacks to vote or make speeches in a particular manner in the House from criminal prosecution, the Centre told a larger seven-judge Bench on Wednesday that the majority verdict in the infamous JMM bribery case was wrong and a lawmaker commits a crime the moment he accepts the pay-off, whether or not he makes good his promise in the House.

A seven-judge SC Bench is reviewing the JMM bribery case.

"The offence of bribery is complete the moment there is an offer of bribe outside the House and you [MP or MLA] accept the money. It does not matter if the legislator performs his part of the bargain inside the House. Criminality is attached the moment the bribe is accepted," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for the Centre, addressed the Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud.

Mr. Mehta said the government's stand was in tune with the minority view of Justice S.C. Agarwal (now retired) on the Bench in the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) bribery case in 1998. Justice Agarwal had clearly held that the protective cloak of immunity around an MP or MLA would not extend to bribes received outside the House. The Solicitor-General said the court should now focus more on the Prevention of Corruption Act rather than the question of immunity.

The Bench led by Chief Justice Chandrachud is reviewing the JMM bribery case (P.V. Narasimha Rao versus State) judgment. In focus are Articles 105(2) and 194(2) of the Constitution. Both constitutional provisions protect lawmakers from criminal or civil proceedings in any court "in respect of" anything said or any vote given by him or her in Parliament/State Legislative Assemblies. The majority verdict of the Bench in the case had held that bribe-takers were immune from prosecution provided they go ahead and cast their vote or give speech, which was a parliamentary function.

Chief Justice Chandrachud agreed the majority view had turned the anti-corruption law on its head. "The majority [in the 1998 judgment] said legislators would have immunity irrespective of the criminality attached to the taking of a bribe... the only exception they make is for a person who does not fulfill his part of the bargain."

Caste census will help the backward and the poor, says Cong. chief

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The demand for a caste census is to help the backward and poor people, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Wednesday in poll-bound Chhattisgarh while announcing that Karnataka, where the party is in power, would release the data of a caste survey on the lines of Bihar.

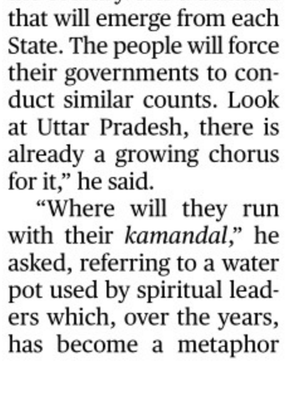
Mr. Kharge's comment, made at "*Bharose Ka Sammelan*" at Kondatarai village in Raigarh district, is a counter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had accused the Congress of trying to "divide society" on caste lines and asserting that the poor formed the biggest chunk of the population who needed help.

"We want a census of Backward Classes as it will reveal information on how many of them are very backward, how many of them are literate, who are economically backward, among others," Mr. Kharge said, adding that such details would allow the government to formulate more effective policies.

He referred to Mr. Modi as the "*jhooton ki sardar* or master of liars" and referred to pre-election promises such as giving jobs to two crore people every year, doubling farm income and depositing ₹15 lakh in bank accounts as examples. "He is *jhooton ka sardar*. ...I have been hearing it for the past nine years," Mr. Kharge said.

With Bihar caste survey, Nitish has set the national agenda, says JD(U) chief

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI


Nitish Kumar

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has set the national agenda ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election with the caste survey conducted in the State, Janata Dal(U) president Rajiv Ranjan Singh said on Wednesday. In an interview with *The Hindu*, he criticised the BJP for alleging large-scale irregularities in the survey's data collection process during an all-party meeting in Patna on Tuesday.

Countering the BJP's claim, Mr. Singh said they had not produced any concrete evidence to prove their assertion. "They are making these wild allegations because they have been bent upon stalling the count, going till the Supreme Court, where the Solicitor-General himself argued against it. They can no longer whip up religious sentiments. The caste count exposes the unequal economic growth in different caste groups which will now demand answers from Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Mr. Singh said.

Socio-economic profile

At a public rally in Chhattisgarh a day after the caste survey's findings were published, Mr. Modi had said that the poor should have the first right to the country's resources as they formed the biggest chunk of population.

"It took the Prime Minister nine years to remember the poor. He claims India will be the third largest economy in the world if the BJP is re-elected in 2024. But can the country develop, if the person standing lower on the caste ladder remains poor?" Mr. Singh said.

The Bihar government will soon release the socio-economic profile of the caste groups too, he added noting that this would help in framing policies.

'Mandal vs *Kamandal*'

The issue, he said, will resonate across the country and will be one of the dominant narratives for the 2024 election. "Nitish Kumar has set the agenda for the country. It is a demand that will emerge from each State. The people will force their governments to conduct similar counts. Look at Uttar Pradesh, there is already a growing chorus for it," he said.

"Where will they run with their *kamandal*," he asked, referring to a water pot used by spiritual leaders which, over the years, has become a metaphor for Hindutva politics. "Mandal will overpower the *Kamandal*," he said.

Mr. Singh questioned the Prime Minister's credentials as an OBC leader, saying he should be happy that the survey had shown a 10% increase in the share of the Backward Classes to 63% of the Bihar population from the previous assessment in 1931. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi claims to be a champion of OBCs; the truth is that it is an image that he fabricated ahead of 2014. You can google it; the Ghanchi community that he comes from was included in the OBC list after he became Chief Minister of Gujarat," he said.

Coalition 'imbalance'

While the Opposition is exulting about stealing a march on the government, there are also voices that point to the imbalance that the count had exposed between the Bihar ruling coalition's major partners, the JD(U) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). The Yadavs (14.26%) and Muslims (17.7%) who constitute the RJD's core vote bank command the support of 32% of the State populace. Mr. Kumar's own Kurmi community, on the other hand, accounts for less than 3%.

This has given fodder to political opponents demanding that Mr. Kumar should cede the Chief Minister's chair to his deputy, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav.

Mr. Singh dismissed such demands as "negative propaganda".

Delhi excise policy case: ED officials arrest AAP RS member Sanjay Singh

Kejriwal says the action shows 'Modi's desperation' and that more Opposition leaders are likely to be arrested before the election; AAP to protest outside BJP headquarters against 'dictatorship'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Cry of defiance: AAP Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh (centre) leaves home after being arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in New Delhi on Wednesday. R. V. MOORTHY

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday arrested senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjay Singh following several hours of questioning in connection with the Delhi excise policy case, in which former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia is already in judicial custody.

Mr. Singh, who is considered close to AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, is the third senior AAP leader to be arrested in less than a year-and-a- half, as former Delhi Public Works Department Minister Satyendar Jain was arrested by the ED on May 30 last year in an alleged money laundering case.

Hitting out at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Mr. Kejriwal called the arrest "totally illegal". "This shows Modi*ji*'s desperation. They will arrest many more Opposition leaders before the election," Mr. Kejriwal said in a post on social media platform X.

In a video taken before his arrest and released later, Mr. Singh said that the ED searched his house through the day and did not find anything, but they were going to arrest him. "This [arrest] is an example of how a cowardly Prime Minister wants to win the election by putting people in jail and through dictatorship. I will keep talking against the corruption of the Narendra Modi government and Adani," Mr. Singh said.

The ED officials reached the Rajya Sabha member's residence around 7 a.m. on Wednesday and carried out searches. They quizzed him before he was arrested. The agency has not yet disclosed the specific grounds of arrest.

In one of the prosecution complaints (chargesheets), the ED has alleged that Mr. Singh was linked to a businessman and key accused, Dinesh Arora. On Tuesday, a special court allowed Mr. Arora and co-accused, Raghav Magunta, who is the son of YSRCP MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, to turn government witnesses in the case.

The AAP has announced that it will protest outside the BJP headquarters against the "dictatorship" of the party and to save India's democracy and Constitution.

CM shows support

After the arrest, Mr. Kejriwal, along with his wife Sunita Kejriwal and other party leaders, went to meet Mr. Singh's family and expressed solidarity.

Mr. Kejriwal said that the AAP is a staunchly honest party and honesty's path is very hard.

"Modi*ji* is immersed in corruption from head to toe. I believe that if there is someone who is independent India's most corrupt Prime Minister, it is Narendra Modi*ji*. Tomorrow, when his government is no longer in power, and the investigation into his actions takes place, it will become clear how much corruption he has engaged in. Sanjay Singh's voice was the loudest both inside and outside Parliament against this corruption and Modi*ji* could not bear it," Mr. Kejriwal said.

Reveal socio-economic survey findings: Kushwaha

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Upendra Kushwaha

Rashtriya Lok Janata Dal leader Upendra Kushwaha, an ally of the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), has demanded the release of the findings of the Bihar socio-economic survey – which was conducted alongside the caste survey – arguing that this would provide a "full picture" to policymakers to address inequality.

It would especially reveal whether certain dominant communities within the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) have cornered the benefits of reservations.

"That can only be determined if the findings of the socio-economic survey are also revealed," Mr. Kushwaha emphasised.

He also raised doubts about the methodology and sample size of the caste survey, asking that these be made public in every gram panchayat in the State.

"Just counting castes is not helpful in framing policy. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has said that the survey will be used to address inequity, but without the socio-economic survey, how can one know which castes among the OBCs and EBCs need special priority?" he asked.

While not stating it explicitly, Mr. Kushwaha has been reflecting some of the concerns among his community, who believe the socio-economic survey will reveal that only a couple of castes – namely the Yadav and Kurmi communities – have cornered all the benefits of reservations for the OBC bloc so far, leaving others such as the Kushwaha-Koeri groups out in the cold.

He also raised concerns about the enumeration process of the caste survey itself. "I feel that in order to tell the court that it was already near completing the caste survey, in the face of legal challenges to the process, the Bihar government did a hasty job," he said.

Many villages, he added, had not had any visits from enumerators. "Nobody came to my own family either," he noted.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
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Tender Notice No. 13/2023-2024/SDO/Dated.03.10.2023

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Item Rate tender** through online only will be received upto **09.11.2023, 14.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Chennai** for **One Road Over Bridge work** in respect of **Vellore (H) Projects Division under the Railway Works Programme 2012-13.**

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Government of Tamil Nadu
DIRECTORATE OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
3438/2022/TCP3 Date: 27.09.2023

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DIPR/5399/TENDER/2023 **Director of Town and Country Planning**

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
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PROJECTS CIRCLE, THANJAVUR
TENDER NOTICE (ONLINE ONLY)
TENDER NOTICE NO.06/2023-2024/SDO/DATED:29.09.2023

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender under Two Cover System** through online only, will be received **upto 22.11.2023, 15.00 hours (Server Time)** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Thanjavur** for the work **"Forming Bypass road to Thuraiyur Town (Phase-II) km 3/4 - 8/6"** under **CRIDP 2023-24** pertaining to **Trichy (H) Projects Division.**

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
DIPR/5382/TENDER/2023 **PROJECTS CIRCLE, THANJAVUR**

INBRIEF

Activists call for BJP's defeat in 2024 to save MGNREGS

NREGA Sangharsh Morcha have called for the defeat of the BJP in the 2024 general elections to save the MGNREGS. At a press conference in Delhi, the collective cited – delayed payments, MGNREGS wages lower than minimum wages, budget cuts and weaponising the technological interventions to dissuade workers as the issues leading to the programme's early demise.

Actor Ranbir Kapoor asked to appear before ED on Oct. 6

Bollywood actor Ranbir Kapoor on Wednesday was summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to appear before its Mumbai office on October 6 for allegedly endorsing an online gaming and betting mobile application, Mahadev. The ED's case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act is based on the FIRs registered by the Chhattisgarh Police. Close to 20 celebrities are reported to be under the ED's scanner.

New defence indigenisation list has futuristic weapons, systems

State-of-the-art infantry combat vehicle, all-terrain vehicles, UAVs, medium-range precision kill system for artillery, test equipment for guided weapon system for tanks, armour plates for Mi-17 chopper cabin nose to be sourced domestically

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday released the fifth Positive Indigenisation List of 98 items to be procured by the three Services from domestic sources in a staggered manner on specified timelines. He also released the Navy's updated indigenisation road map, "Swavlamban 2.0".

The Department of Military Affairs compiled the list after several rounds of consultations with all stakeholders, the Defence Ministry said in a statement. "It lays special focus on import substitution of components of major systems, besides important platforms, weapon systems, sensors and munitions which are being developed and likely to translate into firm orders in the next five to 10 years," it said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R. Hari Kumar during 'Swavlamban 2.0' in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

At the plenary session of "Swavlamban 2.0", the two-day seminar of the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO), Mr. Singh launched 76 challenges for the industry under the "10th Defence India Start-up Challenges (DISC-10) and DISC 10 PRIME of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and five problem statements under iDEX for Fauji". In addition, two INDUS X challenges under "INDUS-X Mutual Promotion of Advanced Collaborative Technologies" (IMPACT) challenges jointly finalised by iDEX and the U.S. Department of Defence were launched. A special interactive session for the industry to explain the nuances of the road map is planned on Day 2 of the seminar.

The items on the indigenisation list include futuristic infantry combat vehicle, articulated all-terrain vehicles, several types of unmanned aerial vehicles, medium-range precision kill system for artillery, test equipment for guided weapon system for T-90 S/SK tanks, radars, armour plates for cabin nose section for Mi-17 helicopter, automated mobile test system for OSA-AK-M air defence system, gravity rollers for Mi-17V5 helicopter and flares of P-8I and MiG 29-K aircraft.

The department had earlier promulgated four such lists of 411 military items. This is in addition to the four lists for defence public sector undertakings.

At the event, Navy chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar said that last year, the Navy sought solutions to 75 challenges, received more than 1,000 responses, declared 118 winners under DISC-7, SPRINT and SPRINT-PRIME and concluded over 100 technological developmental agreements."

Case against MP for forcing hospital dean to clean toilet

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A case was registered by the Nanded Rural Police against Shiv Sena MP Hemant Patil for forcing S.R. Wakode, Acting Dean of the Dr. Shankarrao Chavan Government Medical College and Hospital in Nanded, where 31 patients died within a span of 48 hours, to clean a toilet and urinals.

A video of Mr. Patil instructing the dean to clean the toilet went viral on social media.

The Maharashtra chapter of the Indian Medical Association has threatened to launch a stir if the State government does not take action against the legislator.

They submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde demanding necessary action against the MP for the treatment meted out to the dean.

Land-for-job scam: court grants bail to RJD leaders

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rouse Avenue court on Wednesday granted bail to Rashtriya Janata Dal leaders Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi and Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Tejashwi Yadav in a case pertaining to the land-for-jobs scam in the Indian Railways.

The bail orders were passed by special CBI Judge Geetanjali Goel who cited a Supreme Court judgment that says that if an accused was either not arrested consciously by the prosecution or arrested and enlarged on bail, there is no need for further arrest. The court granted bail to 14 persons, including the Prasad family, on furnishing a personal bond of ₹50,000 each with surety of like amount.

The accused were summoned in the matter as the court took cognisance of a fresh chargesheet filed by the CBI on July 3.

The FIR in the matter was filed in May 2022 in which it was alleged that during 2004-2009, the appointment of several substitutes on the Group "D" posts was done in different zones of Railways in exchange for land parcels.

Strict measures will be taken, says CBFC chief on corruption charges

Nistula Hebbar
Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) Chairman, Prasoon Joshi, on Wednesday said processes would be further strengthened at the organisational level to eliminate any third-party interference, in the wake of corruption allegation made by actor-producer Vishal.

Mr. Joshi clarified that the persons mentioned by the complainant were not CBFC officials, but "unauthorised third-party intermediaries". "However, immediate cognisance of the feedback has been taken, and the issue is being investigated with immense gravity. We will get to the root of this, and strict action will be taken accordingly," he said.

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has already deputed a senior official to conduct an inquiry.

The CBFC chief said an aggressive digitisation process, automation, and minimal manual intervention were already in place, but now more measures will be taken. To begin with, every document would have to be uploaded at the time of online application only. Submission of any physical document in person at a later stage by the applicant/representative would not be allowed. Copies of certificates would be scanned and shared on the registered email ID of the respective applicant. The physical copy of the certificate would be dispatched, if requested. There would be no in-person collection of the certificate.

Prasoon Joshi

As regards e-delivery of encrypted digital cinema package (content) for examination, Mr. Joshi said it would help content security and track the online content status of the applicant. "Till the new system is implemented, the present practice of sealing shall continue across all regional offices under CCTV surveillance," he said.

A redressal mechanism, "grievance.cbfc@gmail.com", will be made available soon on the CBFC website. "If any third party claims they represent or have access to the CBFC, demand a sum or amount, or attempt to subvert the due process, they should be immediately reported to the grievance cell. The official film bodies/producers shall be communicated the details of the above measures and pertinent points shall be discussed," he said.

"Simultaneously, we expect all filmmakers and producers to ensure that the due digitised process through e-Cinepramaan is stringently followed. No individual or group purporting to be intermediaries or agents in the process should be sought or tolerated," he said. He also said the application for the certification of a film should be made within the earmarked norms and not rushed at the last minute.

"Between 12,000-18,000 films are certified annually by the CBFC, which involves human time to view their screenings. Many a time, the committees, with sincerity, accommodate the fervent and urgent requests of the producers to meet the crucial release dates of their films.

The unrealistic pressure of these collapsed timelines and the CBFC's diligent support are often underappreciated yet dutifully provided," said the CBFC chief.

Mr. Joshi said keeping the schedules in mind, the stipulated time required for the certification process needed to be respected and appropriately planned for by the producers.

"As the Chairman of the Board, I have completed two terms with utmost sincerity and transparency, and on an absolute *pro bono* basis. Sensitive and complex issues have been dealt with in a fair, nuanced, and balanced manner. Feedback has been welcomed and the best practices incorporated in managing the Board and the body. Any and every measure will be taken to ensure that the functioning is unmitigated," he said.

"Corruption being shown on silver screen is fine.... And even worse happening in #CBFC Mumbai office. Had to pay 6.5 lacs for my film #MarkAntonyHindi version," Mr. Vishal had alleged earlier.

ED should give copy of the grounds of arrest: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has held that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) should provide a person a written copy of the grounds of his or her arrest.

A Bench of Justices A.S. Bopanna and Sanjay Kumar noted that Section 19 (1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, which deals with the procedure for arrest, has been ambiguous about this aspect, saying only that the ED need to "inform" the arrested person about the grounds of arrest.

The ambiguity had led to the ED following different procedures in different parts of the country. In some places, the ED officers shared a written copy, while in others, they would orally read them out to the accused being placed under arrest. Justice Kumar, who authored the judgment for the Bench ordering the release on bail of two directors of Gurugram-based realty group M3M, held that the ED should furnish the grounds of arrest to the accused in a written form "as a matter of course and without exception".

Ahead of Telangana election, Turmeric Board constituted

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Wednesday notified the constitution of the National Turmeric Board, a long-standing demand of turmeric farmers across the country.

The Board, the Union Commerce Ministry said, will focus on the development and growth of turmeric and turmeric products in the country.

The decision comes ahead of the Assembly election in Telangana, which is the second largest producer of turmeric after Maharashtra.

Long-pending demand

Union Tourism and Culture Minister Kishan Reddy announced the decision after a meeting of the Cabinet. Mr. Reddy said the Centre fulfilled a long-pending demand of farmers from Telangana and other turmeric-growing States.

He said that farmers in Telangana had been walking without shoes or sandals for the past 15 years protesting against the delay in the establishment of the Board. The BJP cadres had distributed slippers to the farmers in Telangana after the announcement.

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur, who also addressed the press conference, said the Centre had decided to increase turmeric exports to ₹8,400 crore a year by 2030 from the existing ₹1,600 crore.

The Ministry said in the release that the Board will have a Chairperson, who will be appointed by the Centre. It will have members from the Ministry of AYUSH, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and senior State government representatives from the three states on a rotational basis. Selected national/State institutions involved in research, representatives of turmeric farmers and exporters will also be members of the Board. A secretary will be appointed to the Board by the Commerce Ministry.

The Ministry noted India was the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric. "In the year 2022-23, an area of 3.24 lakh hectares was under turmeric cultivation in India with a production of 11.61 lakh tonnes," it said.

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Across

1 Trophies taking over facades (5-3)
5 Not on complete upset (6)
10 Broken ankle — I'm resembling a human being (7)
11 Miss Turner's worker in a shrub (7)
12 Moving forward without or stunt? (5)
13 Discharge area, protecting soldiers (9)
14 Deal with groups carrying on their intellectual property (5,7)
18 Materialise position by coincidence (12)
21 Bar to accommodate, by the way (9)
23 Subject of you formally getting married (5)
24 On the subject of aeronautics a foresight is lacking, I see (7)
25 Lastly one final agenda — accepting it as very exclusive and snobbish (7)
26 "Gale force" — movie on a rookie flyer (6)
27 Nothing to scan with this instrument? (8)

Down

1 Invitation daily, no trouble since it's funny (6)
2 In front with party support in UP, could be tough (6)
3 Check pressure and strengthen (9)
4 Extremely happy — such appeals end disturbance (7,2,5)
6 It's a crime to take out of enclosure (5)
7 Organic chemical dumped in the river — he is questioned (8)
8 Fantastic gain in medicine — find out (8)
9 Twelve banks can produce a rare, unexpected phenomenon (5,4,5)
15 Changing tack, turns around for some drinks (9)
16 A line had these kinds of animals (8)
17 Modernising state, going steady (8)
19 Farmer in Orissa keeping sheep (6)
20 Place support underneath the furniture (6)
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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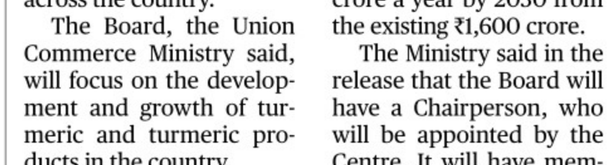

FAITH

Need for observing *upvas*

One may wonder why one has to observe *vrat* practically every month and what benefit one can actually derive from observing such a ritual of fasting. Our Sanatana Dharma states very clearly that the objective of life on this earth (*purusharta chatushtaya*) is four-fold: dharma (moral conduct), artha (ethical pursuit of economic prosperity), kama (worldly pleasures) and moksha (liberation from cycle of rebirths). The ultimate goal is moksha and in order to attain that, one has to undergo the three other stages, said Tiruvidaimarudhur Brahmasri Nidhiswara Shrowthigal in a discourse.

One may ask how can one attain moksha, it appears to be an impossible goal. One has to attain *chittashuddhi*, a state where the mind hankers after nothing, following the annulment of one's sins. We come into this world riding on our *prarabdham*, the nett of karma from past birth; from there we traverse to *sanchitam*, representing sins accumulated in this birth; ahead is *agami*, denoting sins likely in the future. In order to negate all three and progress to the state of *chittashuddhi*, one has to observe *vrat*, based on one's goals, both immediate and long term.

The guideline for observing *upvas* in a calendar month are laid out exhaustively in various granthams, including Hemadri, Vratakhanda, Nirnaya Sindhu among others.

MANCHESTER

PM Sunak kickstarts U.K. election campaign with promise of 'change'

AP

U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Wednesday rallied his ruling Conservatives for the next general election, positioning them as a force for change, even after 13 years in power and increasing disaffection among voters. In a speech, he promised that the Tories would break the mould of the last 30 years of government. AFP

BANGKOK

Thai PM vows action on guns after deadly mall shooting leaves 2 dead

AFP

Thailand's Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin on Wednesday vowed "preventive measures" after a shooting at a Bangkok shopping mall left two people dead. The shooting at one of Bangkok's biggest, most upmarket malls will come as a fresh blow to Thailand's efforts to rebuild its vital tourism industry after the pandemic. AFP

VENICE

Italy bus crash leaves 21 dead including toddler; 15 in hospital

REUTERS

Venice authorities declared three days of mourning on Wednesday after a bus crash killed 21 people including a toddler, sparking debate over the state of Italy's crumbling infrastructure. Fifteen people remain in hospital following Tuesday evening's crash, officials said, at least five of them in a serious condition. AFP

KATHMANDU

Indefinite curfew in Nepalese town after communal violence

AP

Authorities in Nepalgunj, a town in Nepal bordering India, have imposed an indefinite curfew after at least 22 people were injured in communal clashes triggered by a social media post, officials said on Wednesday. Following the clash, the Banke district administration imposed an indefinite curfew. PTI

Russian journalist sentenced in absentia

Associated Press

A court in Moscow on Wednesday handed a former state TV journalist a 8 1/2-year prison term in absentia for protesting Russia's war in Ukraine, the latest in a months-long crackdown against dissent that has intensified since Moscow's invasion 20 months ago. Marina Ovsyannikova was charged with spreading false information about the Russian Army, a criminal offence under a law adopted shortly after the Kremlin sent troops to Ukraine.

Ms. Ovsyannikova, who until March 2022 worked at for Russia's state-run *Channel One*, was detained and placed under house arrest, but managed to escape to France. Russia prosecuted and tried her in absentia.

U.S. Speaker Kevin McCarthy ousted in historic House vote

A first such incident in U.S. history, McCarthy says he will not run again for the Speaker's position; next steps are highly uncertain with no obvious successor to lead the House Republican majority

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Speaker Kevin McCarthy was voted out of the job on Tuesday in an extraordinary showdown – a first in U.S. history, forced by a contingent of hard-right conservatives and throwing the House and its Republican leadership into chaos.

It's the end of the political line for Mr. McCarthy, who has said repeatedly that he never gives up, but found himself with almost no options remaining. Neither the right-flank Republicans who engineered his ouster nor the Democrats who piled on seem open to negotiating.

Mr. McCarthy told lawmakers in the evening he would not run again for Speaker, putting the gavel up for grabs.

End of line: Kevin McCarthy talking to reporters in the U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC. , on Tuesday. AFP

Next steps are highly uncertain with no obvious successor to lead the House Republican majority.

Action is halted in the House until next week, when Republicans try to elect a new Speaker.

Mr. McCarthy's chief rival, Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida, orchestrated the rare vote on the obscure "motion to vacate," and pushed ahead swiftly into a dramatic afternoon roll call.

While Mr. McCarthy enjoyed support from most Republicans in his slim majority, eight Republican detractors – many of those who tried to stop him from becoming Speaker in January – essentially forced him out.

A top McCarthy ally, Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-N.C. was named Speaker Pro Tempore, to serve in the office until a new Speaker is chosen.

Mr. McCarthy's ouster was set in motion when, at the start of the year, he agreed to a series of demands – including a rules change that allowed any single lawmaker to file the motion to vacate.

Pak. plan to evict Afghans unacceptable, say Taliban

Agence France-Presse
KABUL

Pakistan's plan to evict hundreds of thousands of Afghan migrants is "unacceptable", Taliban authorities said on Wednesday, denying allegations by Islamabad its citizens were responsible for a string of suicide attacks there.

Around 1.3 million Afghans are registered refugees in Pakistan and 8,80,000 more have legal status to remain, according to the latest United Nations figures.

But caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti said on Tuesday a further 1.7 million Afghans were in Pakistan illegally, giving a November 1 deadline to return home or face deportation.

The order comes as Pakistan grapples with a rise in attacks the government blames on militants operating from Afghanistan, a charge Kabul routinely denies.

Race for life: Afghans waiting inside the passport office in Kabul, to get new passports, possibly to leave the country. FILE PHOTO

"The behaviour of Pakistan against Afghan refugees is unacceptable," Taliban government spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid wrote on social media site X.

"Afghan refugees are not involved in Pakistan's security problems."

Mr. Bugti claimed Afghan nationals were responsible for 14 of 24 suicide attacks in Pakistan since January.

Taliban authorities have been trying to tempt back those who left, despite the nation suffering from a massive scaleback of aid following the collapse of the U.S.-backed government.

U.S. not to weigh in on Muizzu's plan to remove Indian forces from Maldives

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

The United States government, on Tuesday, did not weigh in on Maldives President-elect Mohamed Muizzu saying he would fulfil his election promise and begin the process of removing Indian military personnel from the country.

"This is a matter between the Maldives and India of course," the U.S. State Department's Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel said at the daily press briefing.

"We have never tried to imply one way or the other that any country is required to make any kind of decision about the kinds of exclusionary partnerships that it enters in through its bilateral relationships, whether it be with China or the United States or India or any other country," Mr. Patel added.

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Mr. Muizzu is seen as pro-China, unlike the outgoing Maldives president, Mohamed Solih is seen as pro-India.

Sticking to position

Also, on Tuesday, the U.S. stuck to its position on the diplomatic discord between Canada and India, over Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegation that New Delhi masterminded the killing of a Canadian Khalistani separatist leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, in British Columbia in June this year. Washington has been urging New Delhi to cooperate with Ottawa as it probe's Mr. Trudeau's allegation.

On Tuesday, Mr. Patel reiterated that the U.S. was "deeply concerned" about Mr. Trudeau's allegations and that it was "critical that Canada's investigation" proceed and the perpetrators brought to justice. Privately and publicly, the U.S. government has urged the Indian authorities to cooperate with the investigation, he said.

Earlier on Tuesday, New Delhi had asked 41 Canadian diplomats to leave India by October 10.

'No hypotheticals'

Asked if the U.S. was concerned about Canada retaliating by expelling Indian diplomats en masse, Mr. Patel said that he did not want to get into hypotheticals (i.e., about retaliatory action). The government, which has denied any role in Mr. Nijjar's death and accused Canada of being soft on separatist activity.

Asked whether a potential "avalanche" of retaliatory diplomatic expulsions would impact the U.S.'s Indo Pacific strategy, Mr. Patel said the U.S. would continue to maintain a focus on the Indo Pacific.

"With India, we are partners with them in the Quad and in many other fora and we continue to work with them and other countries in the region on a number of important issues. But as I said at the top of this, we take these allegations very seriously," Mr. Patel said, emphasising the U.S.'s request to New Delhi to cooperate with the probe.

Indian envoy takes PM's note to Muizzu

Press Trust of India
MALE

India is looking forward to productive discussions with the new leadership of the Maldives to further enhance bilateral relationship, the country's envoy in Male said on Wednesday as he met President-elect Mohamed Muizzu and handed over a congratulatory message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mr. Muizzu, a close associate of former Maldives President Abdulla Yameen who forged close ties with China during his Presidency from 2013 to 2018, defeated India-friendly incumbent Ibrahim Mohamed Solih in the presidential run-off held on Saturday.

Prime Minister Modi on Sunday congratulated Mohamed Muizzu on being elected as President of the Maldives.

In a post on X, Progressive Party of Maldives said that President-elect Muizzu and Vice President-elect Hussain Mohamed Latheef had a "fruitful meeting" with the Indian High Commissioner.

Mr. Muizzu is due to take over the office on November 17.

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RECRUITMENT

NCESS conducts a walk-in interview on **19.10.2023** at its campus in Thiruvananthapuram, for the recruitment of **Project Associate I** on contract basis. Please visit website for details. Further changes, if any, will be notified through website only.
Website: **www.ncess.gov.in /Phone No: 0471-2511500.**

(Sd/-) Senior Manager

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NOTICE INVITING BID

Bid For item Sickle Cell Card are invited from interested bidders up to Date : 26.10.2023 : 06.00 P.M. Other Particulars of the bid may be visited on Procurement Portal website **"sppp.raj.nic.in or "www.dipronline.org"" or "https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in" or website "www.rmsc.nic.in"**
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TENDER NOTICE

Advt. No. PN/ ADM/TEN/001/2023
Sealed Tenders are invited under Two Bid System (Part I - TECHNO-COMMERCIAL BID & Part II-FINANCIAL BID) from reputed Indian Manufacturers / Indian Agent of Foreign Equipment Manufacturer for the "Supply, Installation, Demonstration and Training" of the following Scientific Instrument.

Tender Reference No.	Brief Description of Stores	E.M.D. (Either in Rs. or US$)		Cost of Tender Fee (Either in Rs. or US$)	
		In Rs.	In US$	In Rs.	In US$
PN/ADM/ PUR/037/2022	Ion Beam Milling Equipment along with Preliminary Sample Preparation Equipment for FE-TEM Sample Preparation	10,50,000.00	12,673.00	2,000.00	24.00
PN/ ADM/ PUR/053/2022	Cryogenic Station	7,50,000.00	9,052.00	2,000.00	24.00

Last Date of Issue of Tender Document : 20.11.2023
Last Date for Submission of Tenders : 21.11.2023 up to 14.00 Hrs.
Date of Opening of Technical Bids of Tender : 21.11.2023 at 15.00 Hrs.
For details, please visit our website **http://www.cmet.gov.in.** The Tender document can be obtained either from the In-Charge Administration, C-MET, Pune on payment of requisite tender fee by Demand Draft drawn in favour of '**Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology, Pune**' OR may be downloaded from our website. In this regard, tender document fees to be deposited in the form of Demand Draft at the time of submitting technical bid. Tenders submitted as per the terms & conditions mentioned in the Tender Document only will be accepted. C-MET will not be responsible for postal or any other delay and reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

***Sd/-*, In-Charge Administration**

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No. KMSCL/EP/17261/2023 Dated : 04.10.2023

e-TENDER NOTICE (Running Contract)

Online bids are invited for the supply and installation of the following equipment for various Government healthcare institutions across Kerala

Sl. No	Tender No.	Description	Online Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of Online submission
1.	T510/2023	Biological Effluent Decontamination Plant, Vaporized Hydrogen Peroxide Decontamination System, Gas Tight Static Pass box with connection to External VHP Generator, Decontamination Autoclave, Dunk Tank, Ultrasonic aspirator with Universal Hand Piece	12.10.2023 11.00 a.m.	26.10.2023 5.00 p.m.
2.	T511/2023	Video Gastroscope & Colonoscope Model A, Video Gastroscope & Colonoscope Model B , Fully loaded Dental chair Electrically operated, Two channel audiometer and Tympanometer, ERCP Table/Bed, Laparoscopic System with single chip camera	13.10.2023 11.00 a.m.	26.10.2023 5.00 p.m.
3.	T512/2023	Advanced High End Electrosurgical Unit (Cautery) Type B	09.10.2023 02.00 p.m.	19.10.2023 5.00 p.m.
		MRI Compatible Ventilator, General Plastic Surgery instruments, Anesthesia work station, Fluidotherapy Machine, Hand Held Pulse Oximeter, Defibrillator Analyzer	17.10.2023 11.00 a.m.	30.10.2023 5.00 p.m.
		5 KVA Inverter , Arthroscope&Instruments full set -Knee & Shoulder ,Tourniquet Electronic (Automatic) , Weighing Machine Baby (Electronic), Blood Bank Refrigerator 600Litre , Composite Light cure Unit , Lead Apron, Fowlers Cot and Semi Fowlers Cot , Slit Lamp with Applanation Tonometer , Trial Set , Token System, Hemodialysis Machine, RO Plant 1000 LPH,RO Plant 3000 LPH , Centrifuge – Various Types , Micro pipette – Various Types	N.A.	19.10.2023 5.00 p.m.
4.	T513/2023	Minor items for Blood Bank, GMC Konni	18.10.2023 11.00 a.m.	30.10.2023 5.00 p.m.
5.	T514(R)/ 2023	Depth of Anesthesia, Hysteroscope and Accessories, Micro Drills with Burr-Heads, Nasopharyngolaryngoscope', Reusable Capacitive Couple Grounded Pad, Soft Tissue Laser, Sleep Lab Titration System,Micro Incinerator, Microwave Synthesizer, Sample Mixer, Equipment for Limb Fitting Centre, Fume Hood, Ultrathin UreteroRenoscope 4.5/ 6.5 Fr, Portable RO Plant, Ultrasonic Scaler, Apex Locator, Geneva and Brachy CTMR Accessories, Infrared Coagulation Apparatus, Needle Puller, Pulse Dye Laser, Venezia Applicator 26mm Single Ring and Brachy CTMR Accessories, Urology Instruments, Sound Proof Room, HLA Typing System, Multi-Mode Micro Plate Reader, Particle Counter for Checking Modular OT Performance, Radio Frequency Ablation System-TypeA, Rigid Esophagoscope and Bronchoscope, Perkins Hand Held Tonometer.	N.A.	25.10.2023 5.00 p.m.

Tender documents and all other information related to tender and bidding process can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

Sd/- Managing Director (Tender Inviting Authority)

BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, RAJASTHAN AJMER
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System Tender No: 2023_STDC_314157_1

e-NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-NIT)

Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (MPSTDC) Invites Online Tender from eligible applicants, who fulfill the qualification criteria as stipulated in Tender Document for the work of Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Operation & Maintenance of "Acharya Shankar Museum Complex (Advait Lok), EPC-2" at Omkareshwar, District Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh, India, scope of which is detailed in RFP. Tender document can be viewed and purchased from e-Tender portal of Govt. of M.P. from October 5, 2023, 03:01 pm onwards. Last date of purchase & submission of Tender is November 6, 2023 up to 05:30 pm. Detail Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) and RFP can be viewed by downloading it from website https://mptenders.gov.in.

Managing Director
MPSTDC, Bhopal (M.P)

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INBRIEF

Shell raises diesel price by ₹20 a litre in less than a week

Shell India has raised diesel prices by as much as ₹20 per litre in less than a week's time, but the dominant public sector fuel retailers continue to keep rates on freeze for a record eighteenth month in a row. With international oil prices hovering around $90 per barrel, the India unit of the world's second-largest oil and gas company, last week, started raising fuel prices by ₹4 per litre every day, company dealers and industry sources said. PTI

RBI promotes Muneesh Kapur as Executive Director

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has elevated Muneesh Kapur as Executive Director (ED) with effect from October 3, 2023. As Executive Director, Mr. Kapur will look after the Department of Economic and Policy Research. Prior to being promoted as ED, he was adviser-in-charge, Monetary Policy Department, and Secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee. Mr. Kapur has also served as adviser to Executive Director, IMF, during 2012-15, the RBI said.

Flash floods halt operations at Alembic Pharma Sikkim unit

Manufacturing operations at drugmaker Alembic Pharmaceuticals facility in Sikkim have been disrupted in the wake of flash floods. A cloud burst that triggered flash floods in the river Teesta resulted in water entering the unit in Namthang, South Sikkim, following which manufacturing operations stand disrupted with effect from October 4, the company said in a filing on Wednesday. "There is no loss or harm caused to any personnel," the company said.

Govt. eases aircraft recovery rules

Government notifies that the protections offered to corporate debtors under IBC will not cover aircraft, helicopters and engines; The move comes amidst a legal tussle between Go First and its aircraft lessors and a global downgrade for India

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

In a big relief for aircraft lessors, the government has notified that the protection offered to a corporate debtor from recovery of dues under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 will not cover aircraft, helicopters and engines.

If implemented retrospectively, the move may impact Go First's insolvency resolution proceedings under which the National Company Law Tribunal had granted it a blanket moratorium in May to shield it from lessors and creditors and also restrained the DGCA from accepting any applications for de-registration of aircraft from any lessors.

No cover

Centre limits the scope of the IBC moratorium so that aircraft lessors can take possession of their aircraft from debtors

- The move comes after lessors moved court following NCLT's blanket moratorium backing Go First
- India is a signatory to the Cape Town Convention that lets lessors take possession of leased assets
- The decision, if implemented retrospectively, may stall Go First's insolvency resolution proceedings

Go First had 54 aircraft in its fleet, and lessors of nearly all aircraft had sought de-registration of their assets over pending dues. A senior DGCA official said that it is legally examining the government notification before deciding on de-registration.

Following the NCLT'S May order granting a blanket moratorium, lessors also approached the Delhi High Court to seek access to their aircraft. They argued that the moratorium was in contravention of the Cape Town Convention and Protocol of 2001, to which India is also a signatory. The Convention states that in the event of a default, the lessor can terminate the agreement and take possession of the leased assets.

"The latest notification is a welcome move. Lessors will now have to move NCLT or other Courts and seek deregistration and export of their aircraft," said Nitin Sarin, Managing Partner at Sarin & Co.

In its second downgrade for India since May due to the ongoing Go First matter, a global aviation leasing watchdog, the Aviation Working Group, assigned the country a negative outlook. This means Indian airlines leasing aircraft may have to pay a premium due to the difficulties encountered by lessors to secure their assets.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	65,226	-0.44
US Dollar	83.24	-0.03
Gold	57,500	-0.08
Brent oil	87.32	-4.39

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2464.95	77.70
Adani Ports	824.60	-6.80
Apollo Hosp	5047.40	-71.55
Asian Paints	3169.90	3.05
Axis Bank	995.55	-45.50
Bajaj Auto	4918.60	-97.85
Bajaj Finserv	1532.55	-28.50
Bajaj Finance	7854.05	-113.55
Bharti Airtel	924.25	-1.05
BPCL	341.35	0.00
Britannia Ind	4532.50	37.05
Cipla	1167.05	-15.75
Coal India	287.95	-3.95
Divis Lab	3707.75	-16.70
Dr Reddys Lab	5417.80	-43.90
Eicher Motors	3400.90	49.50
Grasim Ind	1895.85	-25.60
HCL Tech	1239.55	0.85
HDFC Bank	1529.55	21.50
HDFC Life	625.50	-8.05
Hero MotoCorp	2989.05	-26.55
Hindalco	473.40	-6.55
Hind Unilever	2507.85	38.95
ICICI Bank	930.05	-10.25
IndusInd Bank	1401.30	-34.10
Infosys	1444.35	10.35
ITC	436.10	-3.65
JSW Steel	756.60	-13.65
Kotak Bank	1722.05	-5.00
L&T	3027.75	-45.50
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5186.20	-26.55
M&M	1522.10	-15.30
Maruti Suzuki	10129.85	-217.05
NestleIndia	22986.20	670.95
NTPC	235.15	-6.05
ONGC	182.75	-1.85
PowerGrid Corp	199.00	-0.55
Reliance Ind	2314.15	-4.00
SBI Life	1270.55	-21.90
State Bank	586.25	-16.70
Sun Pharma	1123.80	-17.65
TataConsumerProduct	864.75	-7.15
Tata Motors	613.60	-6.85
Tata Steel	125.30	-2.70
TCS	3537.75	23.90
Tech Mahindra	1205.00	-11.20
Titan	3166.65	-29.60
UltraTech Cement	8120.85	-184.05
UPL	603.05	-3.95
Wipro	404.90	-0.55

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 04

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.04	83.36
Euro	87.24	87.58
British Pound	100.69	101.08
Japanese Yen (100)	55.75	55.96
Chinese Yuan	11.38	11.43
Swiss Franc	90.38	90.73
Singapore Dollar	60.51	60.76
Canadian Dollar	60.55	60.78
Malaysian Ringitt	17.55	17.63
Australian Dollar	52.50	52.71

Source:Indian Bank

'Green shipping plan to position maritime sector as eco-friendly'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The national action plan for green shipping promoting eco-friendly practices and incentives for low emission ships, will help position India's maritime sector as environmentally responsible, Director General of Shipping Shyam Jagannathan said.

"India's maritime sector will play a pivotal role in achieving a $20 trillion economy by 2047, with a 9% projected growth rate," Mr. Jagannathan said in his inaugural address at the

INMEX SMM India 2023 maritime industry exhibition on Wednesday.

"The sector's vision encompasses quadrupling port capacity, clean energy fuel hubs, cruise tourism growth, shipbuilding and recycling leadership, and a 5,000 km regional waterway grid," he added.

Govt. retains GPF interest rate at 7.1%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government has retained the interest rate on General Provident Fund (GPF) savings at 7.1% for the October-December quarter, the 15th straight quarter that it has opted to hold the rates paid out on government employees' retirement savings.

The Finance Ministry on Wednesday notified the 7.1% rate, which is also applicable for other provident funds for government employees, including those serving in the Railways and the Armed Forces. The rate was last tweaked in Q1 of FY21.

Euro zone economy likely shrank in Q3 amid sliding demand

Reuters
LONDON

The euro zone economy probably shrank last quarter, according to a survey which showed demand fell in September at the fastest pace in almost three years as indebted consumers reined in spending in the face of rising borrowing costs and higher prices.

HCOB's final Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global and a good gauge of overall economic health, nudged up to 47.2 in September from August's 46.7. That was below the 50 mark separating growth from contraction for a fourth month.

Wednesday's survey showed the downturn was broad-based as output fell in both services and manufacturing.

Meanwhile, retail sales in the euro zone fell much more than expected in August, official data showed.

"The drop in retail sales in August and weakness in the final PMIs for September are consistent with our view that the euro zone... will fall into recession in the second half of 2023," said Franziska Palmas at Capital Economics.

Reliance Brands to acquire Superdry IP

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reliance Brands Ltd. (RBL), through its wholly-owned subsidiary in the U.K. (RBUK), has signed a definitive agreement to acquire majority ownership of Superdry IP for the Indian territory from U.K.-based Superdry Plc, which is known for its collections of clothing, accessories and footwear.

"The joint venture entity will acquire Superdry's intellectual property assets for the India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh territories. RBUK and Superdry will own 76% and 24% of the joint venture entity, respectively," Reliance Brands said in a statement.

Reliance unveils swappable batteries for EVs at RE fair

Reuters
GREATER NOIDA

Reliance Industries showcased its swappable and multipurpose battery storage technology for electric vehicles (EVs) on Wednesday, as it makes a big push on clean energy.

These removable and swappable batteries for EVs can also be used to power household appliances through an inverter. They were displayed at a renewable energy exhibition. The idea is that a person can use one battery for mobility and for powering appliances at home, company executives said seeking anonymity.

The batteries can be swapped at Reliance's bat-

tery swap stations or recharged by households using rooftop solar panels. The executives did not clarify when the company planned to start selling these batteries.

Development of battery storage is part of Reliance's $10 billion push towards clean energy projects. The company aims to cut dependence on its oil-to-chemical business and be net zero carbon by 2035.

'India can be a $1 trillion global auto hub by 2035'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

India has the potential to become a global auto hub by 2035 and the automotive industry could grow to the size of $1 trillion by then driven by exports, technology, and innovation, said management consulting firm Arthur D. Little in a report.

"India's automotive industry can become a global hub for design, development, and production, appealing to international markets," said Barnik Chitran Maitra, Managing Partner, Arthur D. Little. "To achieve this, players across the industry must upgrade their manufacturing capabilities," he added.

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Tata Group to focus on branded coffee as core business category

Mini Tejaswi
COORG

Tata Group plans to intensify its focus on branded coffee as part of its strategy of "building core categories for the future."

"Coffee is clearly an opportunity that is staring at us in our face. We are now on the right trajectory in the coffee business and we have to maximise our offerings and up our coffee play," Puneet Das, President, Tata Beverages told *The Hindu*.

Tea and salts have so far been Tata Group's core categories and the company said it was currently in the process of building more core categories for the fu-

Puneet Das

ture and coffee was clearly a prominent one.

"We were negligent players in coffee. But in the last three years we have increased our focus on coffee. Last year we grew 31%, last quarter saw coffee growing 21%, overall we are seeing double-digit growth in this segment and will continue to grow in the 30% range in the future as well," Mr. Das said.

According to him, the idea is to actively participate in the growth of the mass instant coffee sector, where 60% of sales still come from South India.

"We are investing in future growth. The opportunity is big and our mandate is to grow the category in size,'' he added. In recent years, café culture has promoted coffee consumption, helping make coffee a pan-India beverage.

Branded coffee retail in India was worth ₹3,200 crore in FY23, growing 10.5% growth over the earlier year. Instant coffee accounts for 85% of the market in terms of value.

NIIF unveils $600 mn India-Japan Fund

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund has entered into a collaboration with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to unveil a $600 million India-Japan Fund.

The fund will have JBIC and Government of India as anchor investors.

It will focus on investing in environmental sustainability and low carbon emission strategies and aims to play the role of being a 'partner of choice' to further enhance Japanese investments into India, the finance ministry said.

WAIT ENDS

Greco-Roman wrestler Sunil finishes third in 87kg

Wrestler Sunil Kumar scored a 2-1 win over Kyrgyzstan's Atabek Azisbekov to win the bronze medal in the Greco-Roman 87 kg category in the Asian Games on Wednesday even as teammates Gyanender (60kg), Neeraj (67kg) and Vikas (77kg) failed to win a single round. It was India's first Greco-Roman medal in 13 years.

ON THE PODIUM

Manju and Ram win 35km race walk mixed team bronze

Indian race walkers Manju Rani and Ram Baboo won the bronze medal in the 35km race walk mixed team event at the Asian Games on Wednesday. Baboo who came in fourth and Manju sixth in their categories clocked a combined time of 5 hours 51 minutes and 14 seconds to finish behind China and Japan.

PURPLE PATCH

Ghosal qualifies for gold medal match in men's singles squash

Saurav Ghosal will fight for gold in the men's squash final of the Asian Games after a straight-set semifinal win (11-2, 11-1, 11-6) against Hong Kong's Henry Leung on Wednesday. After clinching a gold in the men's team event, Ghosal will eye another accolade and will face Malaysia's Eain Yow on Thursday in the final.

ADDING TO THE TALLY

Sable wins silver in the men's 5000m for his second medal

Avinash Sable continued his impressive run, securing a silver in the 5000m on Wednesday. The 29-year-old, who won the 3000m steeplechase, produced an effort of 13:21.09 to finish second. Bahrain's Birhanu Yemataw Balew won with a Games record timing of 13:17:40, while compatriot Dawit Fikadu Admasu bagged bronze.

Neeraj defends title; men's 4x400m squad wins gold

Questionable officiating in the men's javelin final unsettles the Indians; women's relay team comes second; Harmilan clinches a silver in 800m; Sarvesh finishes fourth in men's high jump

ASIAN GAMES

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

Neeraj Chopra defended his Asian Games title with a season's best throw of 88.88m and Kishore Kumar Jena managed a personal best of 87.54m as India completed a one-two in javelin but not before both got the short end of dodgy officiating as India finished the track & field assignments here with a best-ever haul of 29 medals including six on Wednesday – two golds and four silvers – for second spot on the table by numbers.

Basking in glory: Kishore Jena and Neeraj took the top two spots after a thrilling contest while the 4x400m men's team justified its favourite status. PTI & AP

No fluke

On the track, Asian record-holding men's 4x400m relay team proved its World Championships performance was no fluke, clocking 3:01.58 to take gold ahead of second-placed Qatar. Mohd. Anas Yahiya ran a blistering 43.60s but was still only the fifth fastest in the leadoff before Amoj Jacob outran the competition to give India the lead, which it held on to till the end.

Avinash Sable added the 5000m silver to his 3000m steeplechase gold in 13:21.09, more than five seconds faster than the previous Games record.

The focus was firmly on Neeraj at the far end of the field and when he let out his trademark roar after the first throw, it was clear he was going for gold. But the mark was never recorded, the officials gave vague reasons which even Neeraj admitted made no sense, and he had to re-throw, managing just 82.38m. He clearly looked unhappy with the proceedings but got better in the second throw even as Jena pushed hard for an 86.77m throw for a personal best and, more importantly, overtaking Neeraj on the leaderboard.

It charged the latter to go even better and he did it in style, managing a massive 88.88m in his fourth throw to seal the top spot. Jena got close, with 87.54m, but it was not enough to unseat the defending champion.

In high jump, Sarvesh Kushare equalled his season's best of 2.26m to finish fourth while Jesse Sandesh was ninth.

Emulating her mother

Harmilan Bains added the 800m silver to emulate her mother Madhuri Saxena's 2002 performance and add to the one she won in 1500m.

Also finishing second was the women's 4x400m relay team – champions in the five previous editions – that saw the quartet of Vithya Ramraj, Aishwarya Mishra, Prachi and V. Subha clock 3:27.85.

In the morning, Manju Rani and Ram Baboo combined to win India's 70th medal in the edition, getting bronze in the 35km race walk.

Righting a wrong: Jena's second throw was called a foul even though the Indian finished his action before the line. It was deemed legal after a protest. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Why did so many decisions go wrong, questions Neeraj

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

Never before has Neeraj Chopra questioned officiating in any meet at any level. The Olympic and World Champion has preferred to let his performance do the talking. And when he says *gadbad to hai* (something is wrong), it has to be taken seriously.

"Our team should definitely look into why so many things have gone wrong (in officiating). I haven't seen this in big competitions because, after a disruption to the first throw, it could have thrown me off-balance. We saw how Jyothi (Yarraji) had to fight," said Neeraj.

Neeraj's first throw looked close to 87m but it wasn't measured and he had to re-throw. "Something happened at the other end. The next athlete threw quickly after me and then they lost the mark. For a while they kept searching for the point of landing. I asked the officials what happened. I protested but it was breezy, the other athletes were cooling down and it was becoming unfair to them. They offered me a re-throw and I accepted," he explained. There was no official clarity on what happened on the field.

In Kishore Kumar Jena's case, his second throw was declared a foul. Once Neeraj and he both insisted it was fair, it was deemed legal.

National long jump record holder and AFI senior vice-president Anju Bobby felt there was a conspiracy targeting Indian athletes.

"They are doing this to Indian athletes, I think this is all calculated. They are trying to disturb our athletes. I think the measuring officials knew exactly what was happening. Mistakes can happen once or twice but not continuously. We are officially lodging a complaint against the officials," Anju declared.

Indian men exorcise the ghosts of 2018, move into the hockey summit clash against Japan

Uthra Ganesan
HANGZHOU

The ghosts of Jakarta were finally exorcised as the Indian men's hockey team entered the Asian Games final and moved one step closer to an Olympics ticket here on Wednesday with a 5-3 win against South Korea but not before getting a scare. It will take on reigning champion Japan in the final after the latter beat China 3-2 to silence a capacity crowd.

Three minutes from half-time, Harmanpreet Singh was crowded into a corner in the Indian half with three Korean attackers trying to win possession. He controlled the ball and kept them at bay for almost two minutes, getting it in India's favour. It was a pressure release when Korea went all out.

India started strong and stamped its superiority early on for a 3-0 lead at the end of first quarter. It controlled the pace of the match, dominated the proceedings and attacked from all sides to rattle the Korean defence.

An unmarked Hardik Singh put India ahead in the 54th minute and three minutes later, a field-bisecting cross from Harmanpreet to Gurjant saw Mandeep tap in to double the lead. Lalit Upadhyay connected a Harmanpreet reverse tap at the stroke of quarter for the third.

Two quick goals in four minutes saw the scoreline turn 3-2 with Korea attempting to earn penalty corners and making use of every entry into the circle – and they came away successful.

The Koreans converted both penalty corners they earned in the match – both deflected home by Manjae Jung but it wasn't enough.

INDIANS IN ACTION

A look at some Indian players/teams who will compete on Thursday (all times IST):

Archery: Compound team (quarterfinals, semifinals and medal matches).
Women (6.10 a.m.); Men (12.15 p.m.).
Athletics: Men's marathon (final): Man, Belliappa (4.30 a.m.).
Badminton: Quarterfinals: Women: Singles: Sindhu vs. Bingjiao (Chn), 6.50 a.m.
Men: Singles: Prannoy vs. Jia (Mas), 7.50 a.m., Doubles: Satwiksairaj & Chirag vs. Nge & Prajogo (Sgp), 2.30 p.m.
Bridge: Men's team final (sessions 1 to 3): vs. Hong Kong, 6.30 a.m. onwards.
Chess: Team (round 7): Men and women, 12.30 p.m.
Hockey: Women (semifinal): vs. China (1.30 p.m.).
Kabaddi: Men: Group A: vs. Chinese Taipei (8 a.m.); vs. Japan (1.30 p.m.).
Squash: Final: Mixed doubles: Dipika & Harinder vs. Aifa & Syafiq (Mas), 11.30 a.m.; Singles: Ghosal vs.Yow (Mas), 2.30 p.m.
Wrestling: Men's Greco-Roman: 97kg (Narinder), 130kg (Naveen); Women's freestyle: 50kg (Pooja), 53kg (Antim), 57kg (Mansi), 7.30 a.m. onwards.

THE INDIA SHOW

A look at some of the Indian performances on Wednesday:

Archery: Mixed team: Compound (gold medal match): Jyothi & Deotale bt Chaewon & Jaehoon (Kor); Recurve (quarterfinal): Ankita & Atanu lost to Choirunisa & Salsabila (Ina).
Athletics: Men: Javelin (final): Neeraj (**Gold**), Kishore (**Silver**); 5000m (final): Avinash (**Silver**), Gulveer (fourth); 4x400m relay (final): **Gold**; High jump (final): Sarvesh (fourth), Sandesh (ninth).
Women: 800m (final): Harmilan (**Silver**), Chanda (seventh); 4x400m relay (final): **Silver**; Triple jump (final): Sheena (sixth).
Mixed team: 35km race walk (final): **Bronze** (Ram, Manju).
Badminton: Round-of-16: Men: Singles: Prannoy bt Panarin (Kaz) 2-0, Srikanth lost to Naraoka (Jpn) 0-2; Doubles: Satwiksairaj & Chirag bt Carnando & Marthin (Ina) 2-1; **Women:** Singles: Sindhu bt Wardani (Ina) 2-0, Doubles: Treesa & Gayatri lost to So-yeong & Hee-yong (Kor) 1-2, Tanisha & Ashwini lost to Shuxian & Yu (Chn) 0-2; **Mixed doubles:** Sai Pratheek & Tanisha lost to Jie & Wei (Mas) 0-2.
Boxing: Women: 75kg (final): Lovlina lost to Qian (Chn), **won silver**; 57kg (semifinal): Parveen lost to Lin (Tpe), **won bronze**.
Chess: Team (round 6): Men: drew with China; **Women:** bt Uzbekistan.
Hockey: Men (semifinal): bt South Korea 5-3.
Kabaddi: Men: Group A: bt Thailand 63-26; **Women:** Group A: bt Thailand 54-22.
Squash: Semifinals: Men: Singles: Ghosal bt Leung (Hkg) 3-0; **Mixed doubles:** Dipika & Harinder bt Yi & Him (Hkg) 2-1, Anahat & Abhay lost to Aifa & Syafiq (Mas) 1-2, **won bronze.**
Wrestling: Men's Greco-Roman: 87kg (bronze match): Sunil Kumar bt Azisbekov (Kgz).

Bains' day out: Harmilan finished second in the 800m. AP

Medals Table

Country	G	S	B	T
China	171	94	51	316
Japan	37	51	59	147
S. Korea	33	45	70	148
India	**18**	**31**	**32**	**81**
Uzbekistan	16	16	22	54
Chinese Taipei	12	14	20	46
Thailand	10	12	24	46
N. Korea	9	11	8	28
Bahrain	9	1	5	15
Hong Kong	7	15	28	50

All smiles: Jyothi and Ojas proudly display the yellow metal. PTI

Jyothi, Ojas fire India to a stunning mixed team compound gold

ARCHERY

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

Jyothi Sureka Vennam and Ojas Pravin Deotale, opposites in every way possible, combined when it mattered most on Wednesday, as they shot India to a stunning mixed team compound gold beating South Korea at the Asian Games. Their gold, India's second in archery at the Asiad, made it the nation's best-ever medal campaign – bettering the Indonesia Games' tally of 70.

Often in this sport, it's the South Koreans who are feared and have dominated for the better part of the last three decades.

They have accumulated 42 of the 60 gold medals on offer before the Hangzhou edition.

India only had one gold medal from the 2014 Incheon Games in compound archery, where it has had success.

Jyothi and Ojas hit the bull's eye on 44 of the 48 attempts, while missing the 10 by a whisker in the other four to see off the challenges of Malaysia, Uzbekistan and South Korea.

Ojas and Jyothi are also in the finals of the individual compound events.

For two contrasting personalities, their Italian coach Sergio Pagni takes differing approaches to handling them.

It was then precision archery from both teams as they hit successive 10s until the end of the second round. But at the start of the third round, India let its advantage slip when Ojas hit only a nine. When he turned to Pagni, the Italian gestured 'dusting his shoulder' to let him know that it's in the past now.

That allowed Ojas to not hit the panic button and go chasing after 10s in his next shots. And Jyothi followed up by scoring a 10 on Ojas' nine.

Both teams went into the final round level on points. And, once again, Jaehoon could only hit the 9 at the start of the round as the Indian pair closed out the final with four successive 10s to seal the gold.

India will look to recreate 2011 magic; Australia, England and South Africa strong contenders

The hosts, yet to win any ICC silverware since 2013, will have to cope with enormous pressure in the long-drawn showpiece event; mercurial Pakistan and shrewd New Zealand can cause upsets too

ODI WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar

In Ahmedabad, where the Sabarmati Ashram honours the memory of Mahatma Gandhi, the prime architect of India's freedom movement against the British Empire, cricket will once again showcase its throbbing Indian heart. A quintessential English sport is now distinctly *desi* while the BCCI wields unbridled clout inside cricket's governing body, the ICC, and Indian stars are feted as global icons within the limited cricketing universe.

Booster shot

When Jos Buttler and Tom Latham (stepping in for the injured Kane Williamson), who will be helming defending champion England and 2019 edition runner-up New Zealand respectively, step out for the toss in the World Cup opener at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium on Thursday, ODIs hopefully will get a booster shot. Hovering between the romance of Tests and the commerce of T20s, the willow game tends to overlook ODIs, which used to be the original maverick child drawing enormous attention.

Muted build-up

The build-up across India for cricket's showpiece event remains muted and it hints at the sport's saturation levels besides the obvious coincidence of the Asian Games happening currently in China. Being the sole host of the World Cup for the first time, India would do well to draw some lessons from the past when it did organise the championship in 1987, 1996 and 2011, but with sub-continental allies in tow. Cut to the present, teams will zigzag from Ahmedabad to Kolkata, from Chennai to Dharamshala, and other venues before finding closure on Nov. 19.

Ben Stokes, Williamson, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, R. Ashwin, David Warner, Steve Smith and Joe Root will perhaps have their last World Cup dance.

It is not as if these illustrious men are done with cricket but another tilt at World Cup glory four years down the line looks remote.

This premier tournament isn't always about winners and losers, it is also about personalities defying odds or, for that matter, even nations finding an inner steel like for instance Afghanistan. With their backyards in a shambles and individual liberties being shredded, the men from beyond the Durand Line are out here playing cricket. They truly embody the rugged chutzpah, grace and kindness under the gravest threats that permeated Khaled Hosseini's great Afghan novel *The Kite Runner*, which incidentally just turned 20.

Australia, England and South Africa are all part of the top-mix that could test India, a favourite to lift the Cup.

The fact that India hasn't won any ICC silverware since 2013 isn't lost on anyone and there is the resultant pressure on Rohit's men. Mercurial Pakistan and shrewd New Zealand can spring upsets too and, in long-drawn tournaments, ebbs and flows are but natural.

Even India, when it won in 2011, had to deal with a league-game loss against South Africa.

Among the rest, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and the Netherlands also get a chance to ruffle their fancied rivals and, for the nostalgically inclined, there is a heartbreak to nurse as the West Indies failed to qualify. Sport can be cruel too!

Limited game time: The experienced Boult has played only 15 ODIs since the 2019 World Cup. VIJAY SONEJI

NZ meets explosive England in opener

Ayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

The days when the ODI World Cup represented the pinnacle of the sport are long gone. Now, it is a snapshot of where the game stands. The 2023 World Cup opener, at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Thursday, pitches the world's deepest batting line-up, reflecting modern times, against a side with a can-do attitude.

For England, New Zealand has joined Australia as the most determined competitor. Sans the political and historic subtexts in the sport, it offers, in many ways, a more wholesome, less fraught rivalry than its Ashes rival.

England is currently sweating on all-rounder Ben Stokes' fitness as he is nursing a hip niggle. Harry Brook could bat at No. 4 if Stokes is sidelined. England's middle order boasts a cluster of left-handers, but Liam Livingstone and Brook can provide variety. Employing off-cutters during the middle overs could be an effective strategy against the right-hand/left-hand combination.

Although England boasts explosive opening partnerships, it has had issues with the moving ball. Jonny Bairstow's knack for playing with hard hands has sometimes caused difficulties with in-swinging deliveries. He will be wary of Trent Boult's full, aggressive lengths.

Meanwhile, Tom Latham will lead New Zealand in the absence of Kane Williamson, who will miss the opener. Concerns linger over team cohesion, with key players such as Boult (15 caps) having limited one-day game time since the 2019 World Cup. England suffers from a similar paucity.

That said, everything on the field about these two teams is full of contrast. The Englishmen can be gregarious and extroverted, while the Black Caps are the opposite, projecting humility to the point of insecurity. Yet, these two antitheses collided four years ago in cricket's answer to cold fusion—the 2019 ODI World Cup final at Lord's, which felt like a match that the sport needed at the time.

If Thursday night is anywhere close to as thrilling, then the average spectator would have had value for money. Anything less would perhaps be a dereliction of the euphoria that this rivalry has laid on.

2023 ODI World Cup schedule

The cricket caravan will travel the length and breadth of the country as the 13th edition of the quadrennial extravaganza begins with a match between the 2019 finalists, England and New Zealand

DATE	TEAMS	VENUE	TIME
Oct. 5	England vs. New Zealand	Ahmedabad	2 p.m.
Oct. 6	Pakistan vs. Netherlands	Hyderabad	2 p.m.
Oct. 7	Bangladesh vs. Afghanistan	Dharamshala	10.30 a.m.
Oct. 7	South Africa vs. Sri Lanka	Delhi	2 p.m.
Oct. 8	**India vs. Australia**	**Chennai**	**2 p.m.**
Oct. 9	New Zealand vs. Netherlands	Hyderabad	2 p.m.
Oct. 10	England vs. Bangladesh	Dharamshala	10.30 a.m.
Oct. 10	Pakistan vs. Sri Lanka	Hyderabad	2 p.m.
Oct. 11	**India vs. Afghanistan**	**Delhi**	**2 p.m.**
Oct. 12	Australia vs. South Africa	Lucknow	2 p.m.
Oct. 13	New Zealand vs. Bangladesh	Chennai	2 p.m.
Oct. 14	**India vs. Pakistan**	**Ahmedabad**	**2 p.m.**
Oct. 15	England vs. Afghanistan	Delhi	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	Australia vs. Sri Lanka	Lucknow	2 p.m.
Oct. 17	South Africa vs. Netherlands	Dharamshala	2 p.m.
Oct. 18	New Zealand vs. Afghanistan	Chennai	2 p.m.
Oct. 19	**India vs. Bangladesh**	**Pune**	**2 p.m.**
Oct. 20	Australia vs. Pakistan	Bengaluru	2 p.m.
Oct. 21	Netherlands vs. Sri Lanka	Lucknow	10.30 a.m.
Oct. 21	England vs. South Africa	Mumbai	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	**India vs. New Zealand**	**Dharamshala**	**2 p.m.**
Oct. 23	Pakistan vs. Afghanistan	Chennai	2 p.m.
Oct. 24	South Africa vs. Bangladesh	Mumbai	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	Australia vs. Netherlands	Delhi	2 p.m.
Oct. 26	England vs. Sri Lanka	Bengaluru	2 p.m.
Oct. 27	Pakistan vs. South Africa	Chennai	2 p.m.
Oct. 28	Australia vs. New Zealand	Dharamshala	10.30 a.m.
Oct. 28	Netherlands vs. Bangladesh	Kolkata	2 p.m.
Oct. 29	**India vs. England**	**Lucknow**	**2 p.m.**
Oct. 30	Afghanistan vs. Sri Lanka	Pune	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	Pakistan vs. Bangladesh	Kolkata	2 p.m.
Nov. 1	New Zealand vs. South Africa	Pune	2 p.m.
Nov. 2	**India vs. Sri Lanka**	**Mumbai**	**2 p.m.**
Nov. 3	Netherlands vs. Afghanistan	Lucknow	2 p.m.
Nov. 4	New Zealand vs. Pakistan	Bengaluru	10.30 a.m.
Nov. 4	England vs. Australia	Ahmedabad	2 p.m.
Nov. 5	**India vs. South Africa**	**Kolkata**	**2 p.m.**
Nov. 6	Bangladesh vs. Sri Lanka	Delhi	2 p.m.
Nov. 7	Australia vs. Afghanistan	Mumbai	2 p.m.
Nov. 8	England vs. Netherlands	Pune	2 p.m.
Nov. 9	New Zealand vs. Sri Lanka	Bengaluru	2 p.m.
Nov. 10	South Africa vs. Afghanistan	Ahmedabad	2 p.m.
Nov. 11	Australia vs. Bangladesh	Pune	10.30 a.m.
Nov. 11	England vs. Pakistan	Kolkata	2 p.m.
Nov. 12	**India vs. Netherlands**	**Bengaluru**	**2 p.m.**
	KNOCKOUT STAGE		
Nov. 15	Semifinal 1	Mumbai	2 p.m.
Nov. 16	Semifinal 2	Kolkata	2 p.m.
Nov. 19	**Final**	**Ahmedabad**	**2 p.m.**

The squads and skippers' soundbytes

Afghanistan: Hashmatullah Shahidi (Capt.), Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran, Reyaz Hassan, Rahmat Shah, Najibullah Zadran, Mohammad Nabi, Ikram Ali, Azmatullah Omarzai, Rashid Khan, Mujeeb ur Rahman, Noor Ahmad, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Abdul Rahman, Naveen ul Haq

We have quality spinners and the conditions are suitable for us. I believe in this World Cup we will give a statement about the batting that we can be very good

Australia: Pat Cummins (Capt.), Steve Smith, Alex Carey, Josh Inglis, Sean Abbott, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, David Warner, Adam Zampa, Mitchell Starc

We have played plenty of games over in South Africa, against India and warm-up games. It feels like it's all come together in the last week or so. I feel pretty happy with where everyone's placed at the moment

Bangladesh: Shakib Al Hasan (Capt.), Litton Das, Tanzid Hasan, Najmul Hussain Shanto, Tawhid Hridoy, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Nasum Ahmed, Mahedi Hasan, Taskin Ahmed, Mustafizur Rahman, Hasan Mahmud, Shoriful Islam, Tanzim Hasan

I think we have prepared well. If we talk about the last four years since the 2019 World Cup, we are probably the third or fourth team in the qualifiers' point system

England: Jos Buttler (Capt.), Moeen Ali, Gus Atkinson, Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley, David Willey, Mark Wood, Chris Woakes

You need guys with experience and a bit of X-factor, and I think we certainly have that. Mainly, I would say that experience is something that's going to hold us in good stead

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Hardik Pandya, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, K.L. Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Ishan Kishan, Suryakumar Yadav

Pressure is something that is not going to leave a sportsman. As long as you play the sport, the pressure is always going to be there. So, keep that aside. Focus on job at hand

Netherlands: Scott Edwards (Capt.), Max O'Dowd, Bas de Leede, Vikram Singh, Teja Nidamanuru, Paul van Meekeren, Colin Ackermann, Roelof van der Merwe, Logan van Beek, Aryan Dutt, Ryan Klein, Wesley Barresi, Saqib Zulfiqar, Shariz Ahmad, Sybrand Engelbrecht

I think all games in this tournament are going to be tricky. We are just excited to get this tournament going. We take a lot of confidence in the way we played in the qualifiers

New Zealand: Kane Williamson (Capt.), Trent Boult, Mark Chapman, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi, Tim Southee, Will Young

For us, it's focusing on the style of cricket that we want to keep committing to, and that gives us a good chance of putting on our best performance

Pakistan: Babar Azam (Capt.), Shadab Khan, Fakhar Zaman, Imam-ul-Haq, Abdullah Shafique, Mohammad Rizwan, Saud Shakeel, Iftikhar Ahmed, Salman Ali Agha, Mohammad Nawaz, Usama Mir, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Shaheen Afridi, Mohammad Wasim

The conditions here are similar to Pakistan and Asian conditions. The boundaries are small and there is no margin for the bowlers.So, there will be high scores. You will have to play accordingly

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Andile Phehlukwayo, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi, Rassie van der Dussen, Lizaad Williams

I think as a team, there's a quiet confidence about the guys who've been playing some good cricket. And we've kind of enjoyed going out and trying to express ourselves

Sri Lanka: Dasun Shanaka (Capt.), Kusal Mendis, Kusal Perera, Pathum Nissanka, Dimuth Karunaratne, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Charith Asalanka, Dhananjaya de Silva, Dushan Hemantha, Maheesh Theekshana, Dunith Wellalage, Kasun Rajitha, Matheesha Pathirana, Lahiru Kumara, Dilshan Madushanka

We have been struggling a lot in the recent past with injuries, but at the same time, we have some good records with us. Everyone wants to make a statement, that we are here to perform well

Senior pros: Buttler can rely on Moeen's experience in tough situations during England's title defence. VIJAY SONEJI

Buttler backs England's attacking approach

S. Dipak Ragav
AHMEDABAD

England skipper Jos Buttler backed his side's attacking approach to hold it in good stead in Indian conditions as it begins its quest to defend the 50-over World Cup crown.

When asked if the surfaces here, which could be slower and aid spin, pose the biggest challenge to its method, Buttler said, "Reading the conditions quickly will be a big part of the game. But we will try to adapt our style of attacking cricket to whatever surfaces we are playing on. We will always – whatever the sort of game is – try and play at the higher level."

Meanwhile, New Zealand's stand-in skipper Tom Latham felt England's attacking approach could give his side an opportunity. "For us, it is about trying to plan as best you can; in terms of our scouting and areas that we want to bowl in, we want to put pressure on. If we can do that and make some early inroads, that will be great. We know they will keep coming hard, which also presents us with opportunities," said Latham.

Today's match

England vs. New Zealand

Ahmedabad, 2 p.m.

H2H IN ODIs

Played 95

England	New Zealand	Tied	NR
44	44	3	4

THE HINDU GROUP
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1. Name the Indian cricketer who was part of the 1983 World Cup winning squad but did not get to play even a single game in the tournament?
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3. The number of overs bowled by each team changed from 60 to 50 from which edition of the ODI World Cup?
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Lovlina loses in 75 kg gold medal bout to China's Li

The Tokyo Olympics medallist claims Paris berth with her silver medal; Parveen, also Olympics bound, clinches bronze after losing to Chinese Taipei's Yu Ting Lin in the 57 kg semifinal

ASIAN GAMES

Aashin Prasad
HANGZHOU

Silver lining: Lovlina and Parveen will be gutted with losses in their respective matches, but a Paris 2024 qualification and an Asian Games medal is no mean feat. PTI, ANI

Lovlina Borgohain went down in the 75kg women's final to home favourite Li Qian at the Hangzhou Gymnasium on Wednesday and finished with a silver medal on her Asian Games debut.

The Indian boxer was convincingly beaten 0-5 as the Chinese avenged her loss at the World Championships in March. Lovlina, who switched to the 75kg division last year after the 69kg category was dropped from the Paris 2024 programme, will take solace in having qualified for the Olympics next year by reaching the summit clash here.

With local fans in her corner, Li started aggressively against Lovlina who struggled to keep pace with the one-time World champion and Olympic silver-medallist.

The Indian seemed to connect with just one jab. It wasn't a high-octane boxing final by any means with both Lovlina and Li involved in plenty of holding, ducking and dodging. The 33-year-old just did enough to land a couple of rights on Lovlina to win the first round.

The second round, too, wasn't action-packed with both pugilists looking to take evasive action. Halfway through the round, Lovlina earned a point penalty which scuppered her chances of mounting a comeback.

The round eventually went to the Chinese and Lovlina needed a miracle to turn things around.

No room for debate

In the final round, after some more holding, with 30 seconds left on the clock, Lovlin threw in a left jab, which lacked much speed or power in it as Li side-stepped it with ease. The Chinese left no room for debates in the outcome of the result when she landed a flurry of clean punches in the final seconds before the referee raised Li's arms in victory.

After the final, the 26-year-old said, "I'm happy that I got this medal, and I feel a little bit disappointed because I thought I would get a gold medal. But I will try next time and I will give 100 per cent and I will definitely get a gold medal."

In another fight, Parveen Hooda, who also secured the Olympic quota in the women's 57kg, lost to Chinese Taipei's Yu Ting Lin 5-0 in the semifinal. The Indian finished with a bronze medal.

Shamrock primed to deliver in feature

RACING

MYSURU: Shamrock, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Rajakumari Leelavathi Devi Memorial Trophy (1,600m), The feature event of the races to be held here on Thursday (Oct. 5). False rails (width about 3m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 COORG PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Chiraag (10) S. John 62, 2. Sky Princess (8) R. Pradeep 60, 3. Unity (11) M. Naveen 58.5, 4. Country's Fame (7) Samundra S 58, 5. D Admiral (5) T. Pavan 57.5, 6. Ironic Humour (12) Angad 57.5, 7. Swiss Tigress (6) Md. Mushraf 57.5, 8. Apollo Light (1) P. Surya 56.5, 9. Hurrem (2) R. Shiva K 55.5, 10. Romantic Heart (3) Kiran Rai 54, 11. Perfect Halo (9) M. Rajesh K 53 and 12. Star Citizen (4) Hindu S 52.5.

1. CHIRAAG, 2. ROMANTIC HEART, 3. STAR CITIZEN

2 COORG PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30: 1. Raaz (5) Md. Imran Ashraf 62.5, 2. Star Azeem (9) Shezad Khan 62.5, 3. Lead Singer (4) R. Pradeep 62, 4. The Atlantus (12) H. Rahul 62, 5. Elevado (6) Shreyas S 60.5, 6. Meghann (1) S. John 60.5, 7. Rumour Lady (7) Tousif 60, 8. D Fighter (2) S. Brahmmesh 59.5, 9. Miracle Honey (8) Inayat 59.5, 10. City Of Hustle (10) M. Shahid 59, 11. Code Of Honour (3) Gautam Raj 59 and 12. Mystical Merlin (11) A.K. Aniket 58.5.

1. MEGHANN, 2. MYSTICAL MERLIN, 3. LEAD SINGER

3 JAGANMOHANA PALACE PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Athulya (1) Ram Nandan 60, 2. Copper Sunrise (6) Kiran Rai 60, 3. Embosom (12) A.K. Aniket 60, 4. Leopard (11) Angad 58, 5. Knotty In Blue (5) Syed Imran 57.5, 6. Beautiful Oblivian (9) M. Rajesh K 56, 7. Dalhousie (4) T. Pavan 55.5, 8. Eco Friendly (10) A. Ramu 55, 9. Konichiwa (3) Koshi K 54, 10. Super Sexy (2) Abhishek Mhatre 54, 11. Sekhmet (7) Hindu S 52.5 and 12. Cinco De Mayo (8) S. Shareef 52.

1. LEOPARD, 2. EMBOSOM, 3. CINCO DE MAYO

4 HOTEL RRR TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Ibrahimovic (5) Md. Mushraf 61.5, 2. D Roman Reigns (9) Jagadeesh 60, 3. Ferretti (11) Srinath 59.5, 4. Imperius (4) Koshi K 57, 5. Indian Glory (6) Inayat 55, 6. Lucky Point (13) Salman Khan 54.5, 7. Winter Storm (8) M. Rajesh K 54, 8. Benghazi (12) Angad 53.5, 9. D Dear (7) A. Merchant 53.5, 10. Gintoki (3) Arshad 53.5, 11. Guiding Force (1) A. Baandal 52, 12. Seoul (2) G. Vivek 52 and 13. Land Of Gold (10) S. Saqlain 51.5.

1. FERRETTI, 2. LAND OF GOLD, 3. BENGHAZI

5 RAJAKUMARI LEELAVATHI DEVI MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 80 & above, 4-00: 1. Segera (1) Angad 60, 2. Havelock Cruise (9) A.K. Aniket 59, 3. Moon's Blessing (2) Shreyas S 57.5, 4. Shamrock (3) Suraj 57.5, 5. His Eminence (5) Inayat 56.5, 6. Forseti (7) Antony 55.5, 7. Prince Corporate (6) S. Saqlain 54, 8. Win My Luv (8) G. Vivek 53.5 and 9. Cavarozzi (4) Jagadeesh 53.

1. SHAMROCK, 2. FORSETI, 3. MOON'S BLESSING

6 MEERUT PLATE (1,100m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Kensington Court (4) Prabhu K 62, 2. Gold Crest (9) A.K. Aniket 59, 3. Mark One (6) Ram Nandan 59, 4. Flash Bond (1) Shezad Khan 58.5, 5. Perfectimagination (7) Md. Mushraf 58.5, 6. Devils Magic (2) Inayat 58, 7. Golden Vision (12) S. Shareef 56, 8. Rising Sun (10) M. Rajesh K 56, 9. Furious Fun (11) Tousif 55.5, 10. Lauterbrunnen (3) Angad 55, 11. The King N I (8) Koshi K 53.5 and 12. Gerontocrat (5) Syed Imran 53.

1. DEVILS MAGIC, 2. THE KING N I, 3. LAUTERBRUNNEN

7 JAGANMOHANA PALACE PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Dallas (9) Faiz 62.5, 2. N R I Plan (10) A.K. Aniket 62.5, 3. Silver Days Again (5) Ram Nandan 62.5, 4. Osiris (2) Afsar Khan 61.5, 5. Peluche (12) S. John 61.5, 6. Super Gladiator (1) Inayat 61.5, 7. Wind Whistler (4) Prabhu K 61, 8. Break Away (8) Koshi K 60, 9. Dornish (7) Rayan 60, 10. Striking Memory (3) Vinod Shinde 59.5, 11. D Warrior (11) R. Shiva K 57.5 and 12. High Opinion (6) Hindu S 56.5.

1. PELUCHE, 2. SUPER GLADIATOR, 3. STRIKING MEMORY

Day's best: **SHAMROCK**

Double: **CHIRAAG - DEVILS MAGIC**

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Mini Jkt: 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Manchester United and Arsenal rocked; Real Madrid edges Napoli

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

The winner: Icardi, centre, scores Galatasaray's third against Manchester United. AP

Manchester United crashed to a second successive Champions League defeat on Tuesday, losing 3-2 at home to Galatasaray, while Lens stunned Arsenal 2-1 and Jude Bellingham once again inspired Real Madrid to a 3-2 win over Napoli.

United has lost its first two games of a Champions League group for the first time, leaving Erik ten Hag's men in danger of an early exit.

Rasmus Hojlund was one of the rare bright spots for United, scoring two well-taken goals, but Galatasaray responded both times as Wilfried Zaha netted against his old side before Kerem Akturkoglu struck.

Mauro Icardi dragged a penalty wide after Casemiro was sent off, but the Argentine had the last laugh when he chipped home on 81 minutes.

The results:

Group A: Manchester United 2 (Hojlund 17, 67) lost to Galatasaray 3 (Zaha 23, Akturkoglu 71, Icardi 81); FC Copenhagen 1 (Lerager 56) lost to Bayern Munich (GER) 2 (Musiala 67, Tel 83).

Group B: Lens 2 (Thomasson 25, Wahi 69) bt Arsenal 1 (Jesus 14); PSV Eindhoven 2 (De Jong 86-pen, Teze 90+5) drew with Sevilla 2 (Gudelj 68, En-Nesyri 87).

Group C: Napoli 2 (Ostigard 19, Zielinski 54-pen) lost to Real Madrid 3 (Vinicius 27, Bellingham 34, Meret 78-og); Union Berlin 2 (Becker 30, 37) lost to Braga 3 (Niakate 41, Bruma 51, Castro 90+4).

Group D: Inter Milan (Thuram 62) 1 bt Benfica 0; Salzburg 0 lost to Real Sociedad 2 (Oyarzabal 7, Mendez 27).

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.
No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-2/05/2023-24 Dated: 03-10-2023
Karnataka Public Procurement Portal TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders are invited through KPPP by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For Deposit Contribution, 2225-00-103-0-40 Grants, 4210-00-101-0-39 Grants & 2210-00-101-0-36/2023-24 Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained & Submitted **on or before 19-10-2023 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/1548/ Adverto/2023-24

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On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission(Functional household tap connection) 2023-24 of Kolar District, Item rate tenders by two cover system through e-procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/ CPWD(Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.**in Last date for online submission of Bid is **16.10.2023 upto 17.30 hours.**
Sd/-Executive Engineer,RDW&S Division, Kolar
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Name of Work: **Proposed Civil works for accommodating IT resources Project 2.0 at 5th floor of GPO Building, Bengaluru under CEPT, Bengaluru.**
Estimated Cost: **Rs.31,30,078/-.**
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Period of completion: **4 (Four) Months.**
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2.	**Unit Head, Jaipur(Rural)**	
2.1	Construction of Roads, CD Work and Demarcation Pillars at Industrial Area Kunjbiharipura, Jaipur. **UBN-RDC2324WLOB01167**	4439.29
3.	**Unit Head, Bhiwadi-I**	
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Sd/- Executive Director (O & M)

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
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No: EE/SJN/TEND/06/2023-24 Date: 04.10.2023
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Two Cover) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer, (Shivajinagara Division), BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with BBMP/CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

SL No.	Name of the Works/Category	Approx. value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	**Maintenance of Road, Drains and Footpath Work in Old Ward No-62 Ramaswamypalya in Year 2023-24 (Others)**	55.00	1,37,500/-
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3.	**Maintenance of Road, Drains and Footpath Work in Old Ward No-93 Vasanthnagara in Year 2023-24 (Others)**	55.00	1,37,500/-
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6.	**Maintenance of Road, Drains and Footpath Work in Old Ward No-91 Bharathinagara in Year 2023-24 (Others)**	55.00	1,37,500/-
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Calendar of Events : (1) Tender document may be downloaded from the new e-proc portal of Government of Karnataka from **05.10.2023**. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **19.10.2023** at **4:00** pm. (3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **18.10.2023** at **12:00** noon in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, Queens Road, Bengaluru - 52. (4) Technical Bids will be opened on **20.10.2023** at **4:30** pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru if possible or next working day. (5) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division

Government of Karnataka
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No. DBCS/88/2023-24 Date : 03-10-2023
:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::
1) Tender Reference No.: **DHFWS/2023-24/IND0108/CALL-2,** 2) Name of the work : Re-Tender for Supply of Spectacles under ASHA KIRANA for School Eye Spectacles in District, 3) Tender Amount : 23681000, 4) Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in eProcurement portal: **12-10-2023@ 16.00 Hrs**, 5) Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids: **13-10-2023@ 17:00 Hrs**, 6) Date and Time of Equipments Demonstration (Sample Submmission): **13-10-2023 till 12:00 Hrs**, 7) Date and time of financial bid opening: **16-10-2023 @ 11:30 Hrs (Tentative)**, 8) Address : DHFWS,District Leprosy Office, beside GIMS Hospital KALABURAGI-585102
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
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NOTICE No: 11/2023
e-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous scrap, Non-Ferrous scrap, other Misc scrap, condemned Wagon, Coaches & Locos, Scrap Rails and other Permanent Way scrap materials.

Sl. No.	e-Auction Conducted by	Date of auction for the month of November'23				Materials for Auction
1	GSD/PER	08/11/2023	16/11/2023	23/11/2023	30/11/2023	The details of item to be sold in e-auction will be available in catalogue in **www.ireps.gov.in** Website
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3	SSD/PTJ	03/11/2023	10/11/2023	20/11/2023	27/11/2023	
4	MAS Division	06/11/2023	14/11/2023	21/11/2023	28/11/2023	
5	SA Division	03/11/2023	10/11/2023	20/11/2023	27/11/2023	
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7	PGT Division	07/11/2023	15/11/2023	22/11/2023	29/11/2023	
8	TPJ Division	01/11/2023	09/11/2023	17/11/2023	24/11/2023	
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Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender from the eligible authorised suppliers / manufacturers through E-procurement for the works mentioned in the table below. The interested and authorised suppliers / manufacturers who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline no. 080-25501227/ 25501216.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Period of completion
1	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 3.5 ton multifuel Boiler and related works at Belagavi Dairy for BEMUL, Belagavi.	1 Job	2,70,000/-	4 Months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated: 05-10-2023 to 19-10-2023 up to 4.00 pm.
2. Pre-bid meeting on date: 12-10-2023
3. Last date for Tender submission on date: 19-10-2023 up to 4.00 pm
4. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 20-10-2023 at 4:30 pm.

For Karnataka Co-Op. Milk Federation Ltd., Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

INBRIEF

Former MotoGP world champ Marquez to leave Honda

Marc Marquez will leave Honda, where he won his six world MotoGP titles, at the end of the season, the team announced on Wednesday. "Honda Racing Corporation and Marc Marquez to end collaboration early by mutual agreement," the team posted on social media. The 30-year-old Spaniardhad one year left on a four-year deal. Marquez joined Honda after winning the Moto2 title in 2012.

National Open athletics moved to Bengaluru

With just a week to go for the event, the Athletics Federation of India has changed the venue of the National Open athletics championships which was scheduled to be held in Jamshedpur from October 11 to 14. "Due to unavoidable reasons, the venue of the 62nd National Open has been changed and the same will now be held at the Kanteerva Stadium, Bengaluru," said an AFI release on Wednesday. However, the dates remain the same.

Hernandez's moment of magic wins it for Bengaluru

The Spaniard's acrobatic bicycle kick in the 72nd minute helps the home side pip East Bengal 2-1; Chhetri converts from the spot in the 21st after Naorem Mahesh gives EBFC the lead

ISL-10

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BENGALURU

A moment of individual brilliance from Javi Hernandez earned Bengaluru FC its maiden victory of the 2023-24 Indian Super League season, a 2-1 win over East Bengal FC at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Wednesday.

The Spaniard's acrobatic bicycle kick from inside the penalty area in the 72nd minute turned the tables on EBFC, in a contest where the home side was easily the second best.

East Bengal took the lead as early as the 15th minute when the outstanding Naorem Mahesh ripped open the BFC defence with just three touches, and converted. Centre-back Slavko Damjanovic was nutmegged and Jessel Carneiro turned inside out before the ball was slotted home past Gurpreet Singh Sandhu.

Lifting the side: Hernandez's gravity-defying goal not only boosted his side but swept the Kanteerava fans off their chairs. K. MURALI KUMAR

The hosts played as if they had their handbrakes on, especially midfielders Rohit Kumar and Harsh Patre who misplaced passes and fouled opponents.

With not much support, Sunil Chhetri and Hernandez took matters into their own hands, playing a one-two and the former drawing a foul from Mandar Rao Dessai to earn a penalty.

Chhetri scored from the spot but it didn't do much to shift the momentum. EBFC strung together fine passing moves with Nandha Kumar heavily involved from the left flank.

He even converted from a rebound off a freekick, only to be flagged offside.

In the second period, East Bengal continued with the same verve but failed to convert.

Nandha and Harmanjot Khabra missed gilt-edged chances even as BFC survived a close call for a handball inside the area.

The Kolkata giant paid the price for the profligacy, with Hernandez's goal arriving like a bolt from the blue and flattening it out.

The result: Bengaluru 2 (Chhetri 21-pen, Hernandez 72) bt East Bengal 1 (Naorem Mahesh 15).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Mohammad's last-gasp winner helps Roots FC pip FC Deccan

K.P. Mohammad's late goal helped Roots FC edge out FC Deccan 1-0 in the BDFA Super Division football league here on Wednesday.

The results: Roots FC 1 (K.P. Muhammad 90+6) bt FC Deccan 0.

BUFC 2 (Darshan 15, D. Konthoujam 45+2) drew with HAL FC 2 (Norbu Sherpa 74, S. Tejas 90+9).

Mayank Agarwal to lead Karnataka in Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy

Mayank Agarwal will lead the Karnataka team in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy. Karnataka will play its matches from October 16 to 27 at Dehradun.

Pacer Prasidh Krishna, who made his ODI comeback in August, will spearhead the bowling attack.

Mansur Ali Khan makes his return to the State set-up as the bowling coach. Mansur had earlier served as the Karnataka bowling coach from 2012 to 2016, and as the assistant coach in 2016-17.

The squad:
Mayank Agarwal (Capt.), Devdutt Padikkal, L.R. Chethan, Manish Pandey (vice-capt.), Abhinav Manohar, Shubhang Hegde, B.R. Sharath, K. Gowtham, Prasidh Krishna, Vidwath Kaverappa, V. Koushik, V. Vyshak, Manoj Bhandage, Pravin Dubey, K.L. Shrijith, and R. Samarth.
Coach: P.V. Shashikanth;
Bowling coach: Mansur Ali Khan.

SNAPSHOTS

Morocco, Spain and Portugal to host 2030 FIFA WC

ZURICH: Morocco, Spain and Portugal have been named hosts of the 2030 FIFA World Cup, while Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay will host the opening matches to mark the tournament's centenary

Unnati and Ayush post impressive victories

SPOKANE (USA): Unnati Hooda and Ayush Shetty notched up impressive victories on the second day of the badminton World junior on Tuesday.

The results (second round):

Boys: Ayush Shetty bt Eogene Ewe (Mas) 21-17, 21-17; Lokesh Reddy Kalagotla lost to Rui Sato (Jpn) 18-21, 16-21.

Girls: Unnati Hooda bt Joanna Podedworny (Pol) 21-14, 21-9; Devika lost to Dai Qin Yi (Chn) 18-21, 21-18, 20-22.

Doubles: Vennala Kalagotla & Shriyanshi Valishetty bt Nabila Cahya Permata Ayu & Reva Olivia Damayani (Ina) 13-21, 21-19, 21-11; Tanvi Sharma & Radhika Sharma bt Heirautea Curet & Maeva Giallard (Tah) 21-16, 21-8.

Mixed doubles: Samarveer & Radhika Sharma bt Andrei Schmidt & Emili Parsim (Est) 21-12, 21-11; K. Sathwik Reddy & Vaishnavi Khadkekar bt Tiago Bernguer & Marta Sousa (Por) 21-15, 21-6.

Sejal stuns Sharmada in National tennis

NEW DELHI: Sejal Teenager Sejal Bhutada beat fifth seed Sharmada Balu 6-4, 6-2 in the Fenesta National tennis women's pre-quarterfinals at the DLTA Complex on Wednesday.

Other results (pre-quarterfinals): Men: Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam bt Sai Karteek Reddy 7-5, 7-5; Ishaque Eqbal bt Yash Yadav 6-3, 3-1 (retired); Siddharth Vishwakama bt Suraj Prabodh 7-5, 6-1; VM Ranjeet bt Shivank Bhatnagar 6-3, 6-2; Nitin Kumar Sinha bt G Manish 6-1, 7-6(4); Manish Sureshkumar bt Sheikh Md. Iftikhar 6-1, 6-1; Vishnu Vardhan bt Kabir Hans 6-4, 7-6(3); Karan Singh bt Atharva Sharma 6-0, 1-0 (retired).

Women: Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Sai Janvi 6-4, 6-3; Lakshmi Prabha bt Kashish Bhatia 6-4, 6-3; Sandeepti Singh Rao bt Avishka Gupta 7-5, 6-1; Akanksha Nitture bt Riya Sachdeva 6-0, 6-1; Vaishnavi Adkar bt Suhitha Maruri 6-1, 6-2; Sai Samhitha bt Vanshika Choudhary 7-6(9), 7-5; Shrivalli Bhamidipaty bt Yubrani Banerjee 6-0, 6-3.

LIVE TELECAST

Asian Games: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 a.m. onwards

AFC Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30, 5.30 & 9 p.m.

Men's Cricket World Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.

ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8 p.m.

Europa League: Sony Sports Ten 1, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.15 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Friday)

Conference League: Sony LIV, 10.15 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Friday)

Asian Games: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 a.m. onwards (Friday)

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